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INTRODUCTION.

Lord Middleton's MSS. are preserved, together with modern legal papers, in a fireproof muniment room in the basement of the south-western pavilion of Wollaton Hall, near Nottingham, a famous specimen of Elizabethan domestic architecture, whose magnificence caused Camden to opine that it had been built by Sir Francis Willoughby "in a foolish display of his wealth." The papers are packed in large parcels and boxes, the older MSS. being contained in some three hundred of the former, in addition to a few boxes. The collection is a very large one, and there is little arrangement of the older MSS. The parcels are numbered and placed on shelves in accordance with an arrangement made in 1835. The contents of the muniment room were roughly catalogued in 1784 and 1794. The cataloguers frequently describe the older records as "bundles of old deeds, illegible" or "of no value." The bundles were packed at random in the large parcels of the 1835 arrangement, but the older numeration of the bundles was retained. These numbers are given where necessary in this report within parentheses to distinguish them from the numbers of the larger parcels. Occasionally only the old bundle-number is thus given in cases where the bundles have either never been included in the parcels or have become detached. Thousands of undated early charters had no obvious arrangement, and they have been now placed in unnumbered parcels, and the dated ones have been similarly brought together and placed in parcels, also unnumbered, corresponding to the reigns from which they date. Many of the more interesting papers have been taken out of their bundles and placed, for convenience of reference, in a tin box, numbered 24. The oldest charters and the household books and inventories have been in like manner brought together in separate tin boxes. Some of the books are not kept in the muniment room, and a few of them are at Birdsall House, near Malton, his Lordship's Yorkshire seat. No papers, we are informed, are now kept at Middleton Hall, near Tamworth, from which the title of the peerage is derived.

The older arrangement in bundles was made by Francis Willoughby, the famous natural philosopher, (1635-1672), with some assistance from the celebrated John Ray, his accomplished friend and *protégée*, who lived with him, accompanied him on his extensive scientific travels in England and abroad, and completed for Press his *Ornithologia*, published at London in 1676, and his *Historia Piscium*, at Oxford in 1686. In the preface to the former he pays a noble tribute to his dead patron, stating among other marks of the real scholar that he was "*ab ineunte aetate bonarum literarum*

studiis deditus, adeoque temporis parvus, ut ne minimam ejus particulam vacuam elabi sineret." His extraordinary powers of work are evidenced by the immense labour that he must have devoted to writing abstracts upon every paper, however small, and upon every brief or other document, however lengthy, relating to the numerous lawsuits of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. These abstracts are the only real clue to the contents of the older papers, but they are (with the exception of the few drawn up by Ray) unfortunately written in a curiously straggling hand that is not very easily to be read. During the progress of the work Francis Willoughby drew up some notes upon diplomatics, which are, as might be expected from his trained powers of observation, creditable performances for the time (p. 269).

The principal part of the collection consists of an enormous number of mediæval and later deeds, charters, court rolls, manorial accounts and the like relating to thirty counties. A list of the places the deeds relate to is given at page 624, and an inventory of the court rolls, manorial accounts, terriers, etc., will be found at p. 285.

The history of the family, of which some account is given at p. 504 sqq., explains the wide area covered by these records. The founder of the family was Ralph Bugge, a Nottingham merchant of the reign of John, whose descendants took up the territorial names of Bingham and Willoughby from their Nottinghamshire possessions. The manor of Wollaton was acquired in the reign of Edward II. Marriages with the De Greys, Freville of Tamworth, De Morteins and others added to the power of the Willoughby family, and owing to these alliances and other causes, the muniment room contains portions of the records of the great feudal houses of the De Greys of Codnor and elsewhere, De Montfort of Beldesert, Zouch, Marmion, Filliol, Leyburn, Harley, Malreward, Bracebridge, and others. The head of the family at the end of the fifteenth century, Sir Henry Willoughby, was a very influential man. Made a knight banneret on the field of Stoke in 1487 (p. 508) and filling the post of knight of the Body to Henry VIII., he was in close contact with the court at an interesting period of English history. He was engaged in many military expeditions, being master of the ordnance in the expedition to Spain in 1512 (p. 128), and shared in the pageantry of Henry VIII., notably the Field of the Cloth of Gold and at the meeting of Henry VIII. with Charles V. in 1520. We must regret the loss of the autograph letter written to him by Henry VIII. (p. 512). A copy of a letter to him from Queen Catherine of Arragon is preserved (p. 513). In the reign of Edward IV. he was, according to Leland, severely wounded in a fight between his retainers and those of Edward Grey, Viscount Lisle, the brother of Queen Elizabeth Woodville's first husband. Some depositions connected with this are printed (p. 115). Subsequently amity was established

between the two families, and was cemented by the marriage of Sir Henry's eldest son John, a knight of the Holy Sepulchre, with a daughter of the viscount. This brought the Willoughbys into relationship with some of the leading families of the time, a sister of John's wife being the wife of Edmund Dudley, the father of John Dudley, subsequently Duke of Norfolk and father of Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester, Queen Elizabeth's favourite, who was the younger brother of the husband of Lady Jane Grey, the great-granddaughter of Elizabeth Woodville. Another sister of Sir John Willoughby's wife married Arthur Plantagenet, natural son of Edward IV. Further matrimonial relations thus instituted are set out at p. 508. Sir Henry Willoughby's second son, Sir Edward, by his marriage with the daughter of Sir William Filliol added greatly to the family estates, and became connected with the rising Seymour family, Sir Edward Seymour, subsequently Duke of Somerset and Protector of England, having married the other daughter of Sir William Filliol. This connexion was probably the reason why Queen Jane Seymour, Sir Edward Seymour's sister, wrote to Sir Edward Willoughby announcing the birth of Edward the Sixth (p. 517). Sir Edward Willoughby is mentioned with Seymour in the private act in 22 Henry VIII., c. 19 (*Statutes of the Realm*, iii., p. 349) that was necessitated to legalise the irregularities of the settlements resulting from these marriages with the daughters of a man of unsound mind. Sir Edward Willoughby's son, Henry, who fell fighting against Ket's rebels at Norwich, married Anne, daughter of Thomas Grey, Marquis of Dorset, the grandson of Elizabeth Woodville. This made him brother-in-law to Henry Grey, subsequently Duke of Suffolk, the father of Lady Jane Grey. This weak nobleman was guardian of Francis Willoughby, Henry's son and heir, the builder of Wollaton Hall. It is through this post that we obtain some evidence of Grey's attempts to levy troops in Leicestershire and Warwickshire by the aid of his ward's men (p. 414) in his attempt to maintain his daughter upon the throne. The sister of Francis was attached to Princess Elizabeth during her semi-imprisonment at Hatfield under Queen Mary, and was a member of Elizabeth's court after her accession to the throne. It is not to be wondered at that under these circumstances Elizabeth was well acquainted with the great wealth of Sir Francis Willoughby, which she knew "to be nothing inferior to the best" (p. 538), and that she intended to knight him at the famous festivities at Kenilworth in 1566 (pp. 527-8), had he not slipped away. She expressed her intention of staying at his house (apparently meaning Middleton¹) for two

¹ She stayed at Kenilworth as the guest of Leicester for nineteen days prior to 27 July, 1575, when she went to Lichfield for eight days. She seems to have made excursions in its neighbourhood (John Nichols, *The Progresses and Public Processions of Queen Elizabeth*, new edition, 1823, i, pp. 459, 467, 529). She announced her intention of staying with Sir Francis Willoughby on the 21st and 22nd July (p. 538, below).

nights in 1575, although he was still keeping out of her way (p. 538). It may be mentioned that Sir Henry Willoughby was the father of Sir Hugh Willoughby, the Arctic explorer, and father-in-law to Anthony Fitzherbert, the well-known legal writer. Besides the great queen, many famous historic figures flit across the pages of the report.

The charters and deeds include three original charters of Henry II. and numerous twelfth-century private deeds. There are also three charters of Henry III. granting forfeited lands of the supporters of Simon de Montfort to Roger de Leyburn (pp. 71, 72), a stormy person who played a conspicuous part in the Barons' War. Two of these have escaped enrolment on the Charter Rolls. Unenrolled letters patent will be found at pp. 93, 109. The muniments of the De Leyburn family have supplied also the important agreement between Prince Edward and the Earl of Gloucester on 14 March, 1259, in which the Earl, for himself and his allies, agrees to support Edward and his friends, among whom Roger de Leyburn is mentioned (p. 67). This agreement is, no doubt, connected with the first quarrel between Simon de Montfort and Gloucester in the recess after the February parliament of 1259. Matthew of Paris, who records this quarrel, does not fix the date beyond this rough indication, and it is therefore impossible to determine whether the agreement was a cause or a consequence of the quarrel, in which Gloucester was coerced by the barons. But the document is of great importance as marking the gaining over by Edward's diplomacy of Gloucester and his party, thus breaking up the baronial phalanx that had ruled the country since the Provisions of Oxford in the previous year. Another interesting record of the Barons' Wars is the order issued by Simon de Montfort and Hugh le Despenser, the justiciary, to the Bishop of Coventry and Roger de Leyburn to conduct personally Edmund (Crouchback), the king's son, and the constable of Dover Castle to that fortress in order to obtain its delivery to the Bishop of London in accordance with the agreement between the king and the barons (p. 70). The reference is not, as erroneously stated in the footnote at p. 71 to the Mise of Lewes in 1264, but to the agreement that the king was compelled to make with the Barons in the previous summer for the settlement of the disputes that had arisen regarding the provisions of Oxford. His assent was published on 16th July.¹ The document must be dated between then and 18th July, when the king ordered his son Edmund and the constable to deliver Dover Castle to the Bishop of London, in which order he stated that the Barons

¹ *Calendar of Patent Rolls, 1258-1266*, p. 269.

would send them a safe-conduct.¹ This is evidently the present document. De Leyburn was at this time an adherent of De Montfort's, and accordingly represented the barons in this affair. It is not clear from what source came the letter of Queen Philippa in 1332 acknowledging receipt of some of her jewellery from Ida LeStrange, her "damoisele" (p. 90). The letter of Thomas de Berkeley and Anthony de Lucy relating to the movements of King David in Galloway, which we have assigned to October, 1342, is a curious survival in an unexpected quarter of a military or political despatch of this period (p. 95). The retainer by Edward the Black Prince of Sir Baldwin de Freville in 1358 (p. 98) is undoubtedly in its right place in this collection, which includes so many of the Freville muniments. A similar remark may be made in reference to the retainer by John of Gaunt of Ralph Bracebridge in 1385 (p. 99). The Filliol muniments have supplied the letter of Cardinal Beaufort in 1415, which bears his autograph signature (p. 102). In 1512 we have details of the artillery taken to Spain in the expedition of the Marquis of Dorset, in which Sir Henry Willoughby was master of the ordnance (p. 128), and in which his son Edward participated (p. 146). The depositions against Sir Giles Strangeways, in or about 1539, allege serious interference with legal proceedings in Dorset and collusion with and protection of criminals (p. 142). A petition of Sir Edward Willoughby about the same date sets forth his long and honourable services in war and hints at some court intrigue against him (p. 146). A letter, unfortunately undated, but assignable to some date between 1570 and 1583, to Sir Francis Willoughby from a former servant of his, named Marmion, affords us a glimpse of Mary, Queen of Scots, during her imprisonment at Sheffield House, and gives a lively account of the domestic jars between the Earl of Shrewsbury, her gaoler, and his wife, the famous "Bess of Hardwick" (p. 152). There is an autograph letter from this resolute lady to Sir Francis Willoughby, in which she goes out of her way to oblige him financially (p. 161). The brutality of the time is exhibited in the public beating of two gentlewomen by the order of two London aldermen, which the queen avenged by drastic punishment (pp. 158, 568). A strange case of imposture practised upon John Darrel, the crazy exorcist, in 1597, is illustrated by the "note" at p. 165, which incidentally throws some light upon the manners and customs of the time. There is a contemporary MS. of the witty but bitterly sarcastic description of Scotland and its people in 1617 from the point of view of an English courtier

¹ *Calendar of Patent Rolls, 1258-1266*, p. 270, *Fœdera*, i., 427. Edmund and the constable had refused to deliver the castle to the Bishop, in accordance with the king's order of 10 July (*Calendar*, p. 269) because they had no safe-conduct and for other reasons stated in their letter dated 16 July (*Ancient Correspondence*, P.R.O., iii, no. 74, printed in *Fœdera*, i, 427, with the unfortunate error of "xxvj" for "xvj" in the date). The castle was committed to Richard de Grey on the 26 July (*Calendar*, p. 271).

in the King's train, which led to the dismissal from office of Sir Anthony Weldon (p. 184). There is also a contemporary copy of the strange political pamphlet purporting to be "Newes from Spaine," which was printed and instantly suppressed in 1620 (p. 187). At p. 193 is a contemporary account of the first skirmish between the king's army and the Scots at the outbreak of the Civil War in 1640 (p. 193). A letter of Panhekoe, Sachem of the Mohican Indians, sets out the grievances of his tribe for the information of Queen Anne's council (p. 195).

Among documents of more special interest attention may be drawn to the representative of an exceedingly rare class of deed, so rare that this may possibly be unique—a written agreement, drawn up in English, about the year 1425 by villagers for the regulation of the cultivation of the common fields of their village, to which the consent of the lords of the manors is added in Latin (p. 106). Another uncommon deed is one from the year 1294, by which Richard de Willoughby and two other landowners in the village of Ruddington, Notts, demise, in the name of the community of the village, to the vicar upon his appointment all the houses built in the churchyard, with the herbage of the churchyard, and with certain fittings of the house (p. 82), which was evidently the vicarage house. The parish church of Ruddington, it may be well to remark, was at some little distance away in the lost village of Flawford, the parish of which included parts of three other villages besides Ruddington. About 1175 we have an instance of a grant to a church being witnessed by the entire parish (*tota parrochia*) (p. 12). A curious provision of a town house in 1273 by Sir Philip Marmion will be found at p. 74. Several later instances of the possession of residences in London by great landowners occur in the report. The great traffic in indulgences on the eve of the Reformation has left its mark on this collection in the number of letters of fraternity with religious houses, some of which confer sweeping indulgences. So great was the demand that the resources of the printing press had to be invoked, the Friars Carmelites of England issuing printed letters as early as 1512 (p. 127), while the alderman and brethren of St. Mary's Guild in St. Botolph's church, Boston, issued in 1519 a much more elaborate letter, which was printed by Richard Pinson (p. 133). A French instance of a printed letter of indulgence on parchment bears the remarkably early date of 1454.¹ The papal indulgence granted in 1521 to Sir Henry Willoughby and others is drawn up, but apparently not expedited, in the form of a certified copy by a papal penitentiary (p. 137). It is written in the curial minuscule of the time, and omits the pope's initial before the clause "*concessum ut petitur*" (p. 139). Otherwise it is drawn up in the usual form of a *confessionale*,

¹ *Recueil des Fac-similés à l'usage de l'École des Chartes*, plate 330, No. 7.

the class of document to which it belongs, setting out the petition (*supplicatio*) of the persons seeking the indulgences.¹ The original letters of the guardian of the Observant Friars of Mount Sion creating Sir John Willoughby a knight of the Holy Sepulchre in consequence of his travels in the Holy Land, dated 1521, may also be mentioned in this connexion (p. 140).

The situation of the Wollaton district on the outcrop of the great Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire coalfield caused it to be the scene of early coalmining, upon which considerable light is thrown by the numerous papers concerned with this industry. It is somewhat surprising to find that in 1316 the workings were already so deep that provision had to be made in a demise of a pit for non-payment of the rent or royalty in case the seven miners to whom the pit was let were prevented from working by the "*ventus, qui vocatur le damppe*" (p. 88; cf. p. 100). This carries the history of fire-damp three centuries beyond the earliest quotation in the *New English Dictionary*. Another interesting feature is the record of the use at the end of Elizabeth's reign of rails for the conveyance of coals to the riverside for shipment (pp. 169, 177). There are papers relating to a project for carrying coal by the Trent to Hull for shipment to London a few years later (p. 171), but the cost of conveying the coal to Newark or Gainsborough, transhipping it there, and the freight from Hull rendered this attempt to compete with the Newcastle supply unprofitable. There is an elaborate plan of the same period for pumping water out of the pits (p. 173), which shows the great depth of the workings. The difficulty of draining the pits is recognised three centuries earlier (p. 88; cf. p. 100). Incidentally many early mining terms are illustrated. The sister-industry of the working of ironstone in this district was carried on at least as early as the middle of the thirteenth century (p. 75). There are papers of interest from a later period concerning the forging of ironstone in this and other districts.

Under the heading of books in general attention may be called to the most interesting contribution to palaeography contained in the collection, ten leaves of an early eighth-century uncial copy of the Latin vulgate (pp. 196, 611). Another leaf from the same magnificent codex was discovered at Durham by Canon Greenwell in use as a cover for an eighteenth-century account book, a similar fate to that undergone by the Wollaton leaves. Canon Greenwell has suggested that this codex was one of the three written by order of Abbot Ceolfrid shortly after the year 700. One of these is the Codex Amiatinus, the most famous codex of the

¹ The handwriting agrees in general character with facsimiles 1, 3, and 4 given by Dr. Ludwig Schmitz-Kallenberg, *Practica Cancellariae Apostolicae Saeculi XV exeuntis, ein Handbuch für den Verkehr mit der päpstlichen Kanzlei*, Münster (Westphalia), 1904, where the cost and method of obtaining such indulgences from the papal officers are described.

Vulgate, now in the Florence library. Thus these leaves may represent one of the three oldest MS. books that are known to have been written in England. Another interesting MS. is recorded by the fragments of the Worcester chartulary drawn up about the year 1000, which are printed and described at p. 197 sqq. This is the oldest English chartulary of which we have any trace. Four leaves from this codex are preserved in the British Museum among the Cottonian MSS., including the leaf that precedes and the one that follows the complete leaf at Wollaton. This and the Vulgate MS., the Greenwell leaf of which is now in the British Museum, are curious instances of the vicissitudes of MSS., and make us realise what precious MSS. were sold as waste paper at the dissolution of the monasteries.

Of more strictly historical interest is the register of Thomas Field, abbot of Burton on Trent from 1472 to 1493 (p. 247 sqq), in which, besides an interesting medieval English version of the will of Wulfric Spott, the founder of the abbey (p. 253), one of the most valuable relics of the opening years of the eleventh century, and a detailed account of the intrigues of the bishop of the diocese and a local knight in connexion with the election of an abbot in 1430-32 (p. 248 sqq.), there are entered copies of important public documents of the time. These include a copy (or rather a translation) of a letter from the king's representative in the papal curia in 1492, who can be identified with John de Gigliis, subsequently bishop of Worcester (pp. 259, 612). In this letter the king was informed of the fall of Granada and of the discovery of a fragment of the Cross in a church at Rome, besides news connected with the diplomatic moves of the leading European monarchs. This letter is a welcome addition to the scanty diplomatic records of Henry VII., and it was so highly esteemed that the two pieces of news mentioned above were proclaimed by the Lord Chancellor at a special service in St. Paul's (p. 612). The register also contains a good specimen of the prognostications in which the nation from the king downwards took so great an interest (pp. 263, 613). There is also preserved in this register a copy of a memorandum concerning the erection of a staple for metals in 1492 (pp. 266, 613), an economic act that seems to have escaped the attention of historians.

Of volumes of exclusively literary interest the most noteworthy is an early thirteenth-century MS. of French romances and *fabliaux*, several of which are inedited, written in the Picard dialect (p. 221), which introduces a new figure, that of Master Heldris de Cornvalle, into the crowded gallery of the poets of the Arthurian cycle (p. 224). The thirteenth century collection of Latin verses on subjects of grammar, which, despite the bizarre nature of the selections, formed part of the curriculum throughout Western Europe, contains traces of schoolboy owners of the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, showing that even then the schoolboy sought relief

from the monotony of the task of learning by spasmodic scribblings (p. 212). And this inevitable tedium must have been needlessly increased for these students by the crabbed and archaic handwriting and the violent abbreviations of the words by contraction, by suspension, by special and by conventional signs, and the other devices of the medieval book-scribe. The other books call for no special notice here.

The household accounts, with the exception of one of Henry, Lord Grey of Codnor, in 1304-5 (p. 324), relate only to the sixteenth century. They illustrate, like the accounts in the fourth volume of the Report on the MSS. of the Duke of Rutland, with which they have many points in common, the minute care with which the household expenditure was recorded, and they consequently throw numerous side-lights upon the domestic life of the time. The accounts of travelling expenses show the great trains which gentlemen were compelled to take with them. A litter for a lady's use was not in ordinary use, as we see from the payment for fetching a borrowed one from a considerable distance (p. 425). There are entries of the expenses of staying at court, of eating dinners at the inns of court, and various other features of a gentleman's life in the capital and at court. There are records of the expenses incurred during hunting and other sports, losses at cards and other games, and of the constant stream of gifts and rewards to poor men, old soldiers, prisoners, and other objects of compassion, to pardoners, hermits, preachers, and boy-bishops, to troops of players (who often came from great distances), Cornish wrestlers, singers, harpers, waits, jugglers, men travelling with strange beasts, such as apes, bears, and camels, and to poor university scholars and travellers from abroad. In 1573 there is an express record of the playing of an interlude (p. 424). Mention is also made of the playing of music before the master's door on New Year's Day, and of the presents to him of "posies" by young maidens on his setting forth from his house. His services as godfather were in frequent request. A noteworthy feature in regard to christenings is the use of Huntingdon as a Christian name, which seems to be derived from the connexion of the family with that of the Earl of Huntingdon. One bearer of this Christian name, Huntingdon Shaw, is famous as the maker of the beautiful ironwork door-screens at Hampton Court. Rewards are given to young maidens who act as the master's valentine. Medical history is illustrated by payments for medicines, the fetching of doctors from London, their fees, costs of travelling, etc. There are numerous payments for articles of clothing, male and female, some of which are still preserved. Payments occur for school fees and school books and for education at school and at Cambridge. The purchase of books for the use of Sir Francis Willoughby, the builder of Wollaton, as a boy show the wide range of the education of a gentleman of high rank in the middle of the sixteenth

century. His school curriculum included Latin, Greek, Hebrew, music, and the gentlemanly accomplishments, such as fencing. There are also details of the education of Sir Hugh Willoughby, the Arctic explorer who perished in Spitzbergen. The soldiers' costume of 1522 is recorded (p. 345). The ample hospitality of the time is illustrated by the names of persons, drawn from various social strata, who dined in the Hall, which was a sort of open house for all wayfarers. The formal and stately ritual of the Hall is set out minutely in Sir Francis Willoughby's regulations for his household (p. 538). The practice of the numerous domestic industries of the household and the great use made of fairs for the purveyance of such things as were not produced on the estate are recorded at ample length. The household fool duly appears, and there is even a record of a female fool (p. 543). The visit of Queen Anne, the wife of James I., to Wollaton on her first arrival in England as queen is recorded in the account at p. 463, and the names of the chambers at Wollaton Hall occupied by her and her family preserved the memory of her sojourn (pp. 463, 486).

The Household accounts and other papers have yielded a rich crop of obsolete terms, some of which are unrecorded in the *New English Dictionary*, and some still await explanation. A list of these words will be found in the index under the word "glossary."

The collection contains few specimens of a class of documents that have, perhaps, the widest popular appeal—private letters. They seem to have disappeared, with a few exceptions, in the eighteenth century, when the Hall was stripped of its furniture upon the death of the fourth Lord in 1781, or when the muniment room was arranged. We have evidence that Sir Francis Willoughby, the builder, a man of very methodical habits, carefully preserved his correspondence (p. 538), and his son-in-law and successor, Sir Percival Willoughby, seems to have followed his example. Fortunately a descendant, Cassandra Willoughby, Duchess of Chandos, the daughter of Francis Willoughby, the natural philosopher, has preserved the gist and sometimes the text of many letters of the sixteenth century in the history of the family which she drew up with considerable ability in 1702 (p. 504). The loss of the full text of some of these letters is to be regretted, but still we obtain much information from her work as to the life of the sixteenth century in its many aspects. Some of these letters are interesting from the point of view of style, being written when the English language had reached its fullest perfection as a literary vehicle and when every educated person seemed to be a natural stylist. Lady Willoughby's letters show a directness and forcibility of expression that is thoroughly Elizabethan (pp. 568, 569). The love-letters of Percival Willoughby and Griffin Markham are redolent of the literary atmosphere of love in Shakespeare's time. The letters deal principally with

the unhappy domestic life of Sir Francis Willoughby, caused by the hysterical nature of his wife and fomented by the intrigues of the numerous body of gentlemen servants in his household, the leader being a foreign adventurer (pp. 533, 560, 561-2). The plotters even went to the dangerous length of accusing Sir Francis of complicity with the Spaniards in the year of the Great Armada (p. 567). The story winds up with the quarrel of Sir Francis with his son-in-law Sir Percival, and of his passionate dispatch of his steward to London to find him a second wife (p. 574). The lady whom he thus espoused in a fit of pique seems to have led him anything but a quiet life and to have left him to die alone and uncared for in London, and was even suspected by the family of having poisoned him (p. 582). Sir Francis impoverished himself by his building and land-purchases and by his attempts to grow woad, to make iron and glass, and, partly owing to this and to the portion left to his second wife, a mere shadow of his estates passed to Sir Percival Willoughby, his son-in-law, the grandson of Sir Edward Willoughby, who united the families of Willoughby of Wollaton and of Willoughby D'Eresby, through whom Lord Middleton comes to represent the male line of the great baronial family of Willoughby D'Eresby.

The inspector would wish to tender to Lord and Lady Middleton his most sincere thanks for their kindness, interest and hospitality during the lengthy preparation of this report, which has failed to exhaust their patience.

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THE MANUSCRIPTS
OF
LORD MIDDLETON,
PRESERVED AT
WOLLATON HALL, NOTTS.

I. CHARTERS, LETTERS, ETC.

[c. 1150.]—Grant by Aschetin¹ [Ansketil] de Ridale [Ryedale, co. York] and his wife Acilia to the nuns of Watton [co. York] of land in Bridesale [Birdsall, co. York].

Cunctis Christi fidelibus Aschetinus de Ridale et sponsa ejus Acilia, salutem.

Notum sit vobis, quod nos et filii nostri Willelmus² et Walterus³ et ceteri heredes nostri concessimus et dedimus sanctimonialibus de Wattona dimidiam carucatam terrę in Bridesale, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis in pratis et pascuis et ceteris adjacentiis quibuscumque⁴ [quę] ad eam pertinent, sive intra villam aut extra villam, videlicet illam, quam Godefridus et Walterus tenuerunt, quę est de feudo Rodberti de Ros,⁵ insimul cum Matilda filia nostra, quę ibi habitum religionis suscepit, in perpetuam elemosinam tam libere quam liberius aliqua elemosina potest donari religiosis, sine omni exactione et sine omni seculari servitio preter solum statutum Danegeldum. Eapropter warantizabimus istam nostram

¹ Cf. Anschetinus son of William son of Acchelin, in Walter Espec's foundation deed of Rievaulx Abbey (Rievaulx Chartulary, Surtees Soc., p. 21), and the Aschetinus of an early 12th cent. charter in the Whitby Chartulary, Surtees Soc. p. 457, and Aschetil, Aschetin, Asketin de Hauchesgard [Hawksker] of the same period in the same chartulary, pp. 132, 176, 179, etc.

² A William son of Ansketil is mentioned under Yorkshire in 1164-5 (Pipe Roll, 11 Henry II., p. 52). In 1166 he held part of a knight's fee of the fee of Warter, co. York (*Red Book of the Exchequer*, i., p. 435; *Liber Niger*, p. 328), and in 1167-8 (Pipe Roll, 14 Henry II., p. 89).

³ Walter son of Asketin, Asketil, is returned in 1166 as holding knights' fees in co. York (*Red Book*, i., p. 419, 433; *Liber Niger*, pp. 309, 325).

⁴ *quęcumque*, MS.

⁵ Nephew of Walter Espec (ob. 1153), whose foundation deed of Rievaulx Abbey he confirmed (*Report on MSS. of the Duke of Rutland*, iv., p. 25; Rievaulx Chartulary, p. 21). He is mentioned in the Pipe Rolls from 1157-8 to 1162-3, about which time he died, perhaps during the latter year, as nothing is entered against his name, and Everard de Ros (his son) is charged in this and the two following years with debts. In 1165-6 William de Percy fined in 400 marks in order to have (*i.e.* to marry) Robert's wife (Pipe Roll, 12 Henry II., p. 81, and following years).

elemosinam per omnia et in omnibus et de omnibus rebus, excepto Danegeldo jam dicto, istis sanctimonialibus. Et quia ista dimidia carucata terrę fuit mariagium jam dictę Acilię sponse meę, ego Aschetirus dedi ei escambium tanti redditus in Holm¹ assensu et bona ejus voluntate. Et istę sanctimoniales susceperunt me et hanc sponsam meam Aciliam et patrem ejus Willelmum de Steinesgrife² et matrem ejus Matildam in perpetuam fraternitatem et plenariam participationem orationum et beneficiorum totius ordinis sui.

His testibus: Capellano Sanctę Marię de Malt[ona]; et Magistro Gillb[erto] de Semp[ingeham]³; et Willelmo de Vesci⁴; Willelmo Latim[er]; Seer de Quinci; Galfrido de Valoin[iis]; Willelmo filio Walonis⁵; Alardo de Crandala; Waltero Falconario; et Willelmo fratre ejus; Rannulfo clerico; Willelmo clerico, nepote Aschetini; Henrico decano; Magistro Stephano; Alano filio Landrici; Helia nepote Willelmi Latim[er]; Waltero Engainn'; Michaeli filio Alfredi; Warino de Vesci⁶; Alexandro⁷.

Detached seal, bearing a lion coward, inscribed: SIGILLVM ASKETINI DE RIDALE.

[1155, January]—⁸Charter of Henry II. confirming to Fulk de Luisuris [Lisores] his father's lands, with the forestries of [North] Hants, Huntingdonshire, and Buckinghamshire.

H[enricus], Rex Angl[orum], et Dux Norm[annorum] et Aquit[anorum], et Comes And[egavorum], omnibus archiepiscopis, episcopis, comitibus, baronibus, justiciariis, vicecomitibus, et omnibus fidelibus suis, Franc[is] et Angl[is], salutem.

¹ ? Holme-on-the-Wolds, co. York.

² Stonegrave, co. York. William de Steinesgrif witnessed Walter Espec's foundation deed of Rievaulx Abbey, 1131-1136, (Rievaulx Chartulary, p. 21) and Robert de Ros's confirmation of it (see note 5, above), and also charters c. 1150 in the Whitby Chartulary, pp. 205, 207. He is returned in 1166 as holding part of a knight's fee under Everard de Ros, Robert's son (*Red Book*, i., p. 433; *Liber Niger*, p. 325).

³ The founder of the order of Sempringham, who died at a very advanced age in 1189.

⁴ William de Vesci was sheriff of Northumberland in 1156-7 and died before 1184-5 (*Rotuli de Dominabus*, pp. 5, 42).

⁵ William son of Galo witnesses a charter of William de Vesci between 1154 and 1181 in the Rievaulx Chartulary, p. 139.

⁶ Witnesses a charter of William de Vesci, 1154-1181, in the Rievaulx Chartulary, p. 139. He is probably "Warin the Clerk, grandson of Eustace son of John" of the charter at p. 4 below, as William de Vesci was the son of this Eustace, who was killed in Wales in 1157 (Dugdale, *Baronage*, i., p. 91b).

⁷ This deed is preserved, with the other early Birdsall deeds printed below, in a small box in a large chest containing other Birdsall deeds, which are of much later date.

⁸ This charter is limited by the mention of Thomas [Becket] as chancellor to a date earlier than 3 June, 1162, when he was consecrated archbishop of Canterbury. Henry was at Northampton in January, 1155 (Eyton, *Court, Household and Itinerary of Henry II.*, p. 3), and in July, 1157 (*ib.* p. 25). As Fulk accounts in 1155-6 under Northamptonshire for the *census* of the forests in his custody (*Pipe Roll*, 2 Henry II., p. 42), it is clear that the present charter must be referred to 1155.

Sciatis me reddidisse et confirmasse Fulc[oni] de Luisuris, in feodo et hereditate, sibi et heredibus suis, omnes terras et teneuras patris sui, cum ministerio suo de forestariis Hantesire¹ et Hundedunescire et Buchingehamsire, sicut pater suus ea tenuit melius tempore H[enrici] Regis, avi mei.

Quare volo et firmiter precipio, quod ipse et heredes sui omnia predicta teneant bene et in pace, libere, quiete et honorifice, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis in bosco et plano, in viis et semitis, pratis et pascuis, in aquis et molendinis, et in omnibus rebus, cum omnibus consuetudinibus ad ea pertinentibus, et cum libertatibus suis, sicut pater suus vel avus liberius et melius tenuit tempore Regis H[enrici], avi mei.

Testibus: Toma Cancellario; Reg[inaldo], Comite Corn[ubie]; H. de Essex, const[abulario]; Ricardo de Hum[ez], Const[abulario]; Jocel[ino] de Baill[iolo].

Apud North[antonam].

Seal missing.

[c. 1160]—Grant by Ascilia or Aciria, late the wife of Asketin [Ansketil] de Ridale, to the nunnery of Watton [co. York] of land in Briddesale [Birdsall, co. York].

² Sciant presentes et futuri, quod ego Ascilia,³ que fui sponsa Asketini de Ridale, concessi et dedi et hac mea carta confirmavi, in libera viduitate mea, concessu et assensu Willelmi et Walteri, filiorum meorum, et aliorum heredum meorum, Deo et Beate Marie et sanctimonialibus de Watt[ona] et fratribus earum, clericis et laicis, unam carrucata[m] terre de libero mariagio meo, que est de feudo Roberti de Ros in territorio de Briddesale, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis infra villam et extra,⁴ in perpetuam possessionem tenendam de me et heredibus meis; reddendo mihi et heredibus meis annuatim viginti solidos argenti, et ex illa carrucata terre faciendo mihi et heredibus meis et defendendo totum forinsecum servitium ejusdem carrucate terre cum acciderit et unius dimidie carrucate terre in eadem villa de Briddesale, quam dimidiam carrucata[m] terre Asketinus, vir meus, prius eis dederat et carta⁵ sua confirmaverat in perpetuam elemosinam cum Matilda, filia sua et mea, que ibi habitum religionis suscepit. Et quia dimidia carrucata terre erat de libero mariagio meo, dedit mihi vir meus Asketinus excambium

¹ Northamptonshire. See preceding note and Pipe Rolls, 4 Henry II., p. 143, and the succeeding rolls up to the 23rd year. In 1166 R. de Luisuris returns under Northants that he has the king's forestry of fee (*Liber Niger Scaccarii*, ed. Hearne, ed. 2, i., p. 215; *Red Book of the Exchequer*, i. p. 333), which has puzzled Dugdale (*Baronage*, i. p. 597), but it would seem, from the evidence of the Pipe Rolls, that R. is a mistake for F.

² There are two exemplars of this charter, both in the same handwriting, but one of them written in larger letters. They are preserved in the chest of Birdsall deeds (see page 2, note 7 above). The variant readings are noted.

³ *Aciria*, B.

⁴ *villam*, add. B.

⁵ See page 1 above.

in Holm ad valenciam tanti redditus. Ego vero et heredes mei post me warantizabimus omnia predicta prefatis sanctimonialibus et earum fratribus contra omnes homines de calumpniis et omnibus rebus in perpetuum.

His testibus: Gregorio, priore de Bredlint[ona]¹; Ernasio, priore de Mart[ona]²; Willelmo de Vesci; Willelmo Latim[er]³; Symone de Staingrive⁴; Warino clerico, nepote Eustachii filii Johannis⁵; Adam de Gart[ona]⁶; Stephano de Killum⁷; Magistro Stephano legista; Nicholao, persona de Hugate⁸; Alexandro de Sant[ona]⁹; Alexandro Camerario¹⁰; Petro filio Willelmi de Cava¹¹; Willelmo fratre ejus¹²; Petro filio Alexandri de Sant[ona].

Large elliptical seals, one (A) in red wax, the other (B) in green, with central ornament; inscription: + SIGILLVM ACIRIE.

[c. 1170]—Grant by John de Arden to Amable, daughter of William Fund[wi] of land [in Kingsbury, co. Warwick].

Sciunt tam presentes quam futuri, quod ego Johannes de Arden' dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta confirmavi Amable filie Willelmi Fund' et heredibus suis aliud dimidium prati, quod fuit Herberti de Kinesb[eri], scilicet inter semitam et Stanstret', ei et heredibus suis: tenendum de me et heredibus meis libere, solute et quiete; reddendo annuatim michi et heredibus meis quasdam cirotecas de Coventr[eia] ad festum Sancti Michaelis pro omni servicio.

His testibus: Rogero decano, Thoma persona, Willelmo Marescallo, Ricardo, fratre ejus, Willelmo, fratre Johannis, Roberto, fratre ejus, Nicolao de Esbroc',¹³ Waltero de Plumton',

¹ *Bredlingtona*, B. Gregory, prior of Bridlington, witnesses deeds between 1154 and 1181 (Rievaulx Chartulary, pp. 138, 165, 173; Whitby Chartulary, pp. 39, 48, 57), between 1154 and 1167 and after 1181 (Guisbrough Chartulary, ii., pp. 47, 83), and in 1175 (Rievaulx Chartulary, p. 82; cf. also *ibid.* p. 107).

² *Martona*, B. Marton-in-the-Forest, co. York. Prior Herniseus (misprinted *Herviseo*) witnessed a charter between 1154 and 1170 in the Whitby Chartulary, p. 185.

³ Witnesses a charter between 1154 and 1181 (Rievaulx Chartulary, p. 139).

⁴ Witnesses charters between 1154 and 1181 (Rievaulx Chartulary, pp. 24, 113) and in 1175 (*Ibid.* pp. 82, 83; cf. also *ibid.* p. 79).

⁵ Eustace son of John was killed in 1167.

⁶ Garton-on-the-Wolds, co. York.

⁷ Stephen de Killum [Kilham, co. York] is one of the knights mentioned with William de Steingriva in a charter of about the date assigned to the present one (Rievaulx Chartulary, p. 112; cf. also *ibid.* p. 132).

⁸ Huggate, co. York.

⁹ *Sanctona*, B. Sancton, co. York.

¹⁰ The Alexander the Chamberlain of the Rievaulx Chartulary, p. 232 note, Guisbrough Chartulary, ii., p. 6 note, is probably another person.

¹¹ *Petro de Cava*, B. Cave, co. York.

¹² Perhaps the William de Cava of the Guisbrough Chartulary, ii., p. 256.

¹³ Esbroc was in the parish of Kingsbury (Dugdale, *Warwickshire*, p. 761a).

Hugone de Esbroc', Heminco filio Ricardi, Ricardo, qui scripsit hanc cartam, et multis aliis.

Fragment of seal.

[c. 1170]—Grant by Robert de Cathorp [Caythorpe, parish of Lowdham, co. Notts] to Godwin son of Alfwin de Eperstona [Epperston, co. Notts] of land near the hedge between Wdbure and Ludam [Woodborough and Lowdham, co. Notts].

Sciant tam presentes quam futuri, quod ego Robertus de Cathorp dedi et concessi, et hac carta mea confirmavi, Godwino filio Alfwini de Eperstona terram meam, que est inter vias ad divisam inter Wdburc et Ludam, sibi et heredibus suis tenendum de me et heredibus meis; reddendo mihi annuatim vi. denarios ad festum Sancti Michaelis pro omni servicio ad me pertinente. Pro hac vero donacione dedit mihi predictus Godwinus iii^j^{or} solidos.

Testibus istis: Roberto Cappellano; Roberto de Habtot; Hasculfo, fratre suo; Roberto de Birtona¹; Willelmo filio suo; Elia de Pasci; Manfrido de Turgartona²; Radulfo Prenloue; Roberto filio Johannis; Waltero de Colingham³; et multis aliis.

. Fragment of seal in white wax.

[c. 1170]—Grant by William I, earl of Ferrers [1163–1173], to Roger son of Reinfrid of the marsh of Hanworth [co. Lincoln?].

Willelmus, Comes de Ferr[ariis], tam presentibus quam futuris, salutem.

Sciatis, quod ego concessi et hac carta mea confirmavi Rogero filio Reinfrai⁴ et heredibus suis, ad tenendum de Rogero de Inges et heredibus suis, mariscum de Hanewerda, quod pertinet ad feudum predicti Rogeri de Inges, et quod mariscum idem Rogerus [de] Inges dedit predicto Rogero filio Reinfrai et heredibus suis, tenendum de eo et heredibus suis, pro vj. denariis annuatim pro omni servitio. Et pro hac concessione et confirmacione, predictus Rogerus filius Reinfrai dedit mihi dimidiam marcam argenti et Comitisse Sibille, uxori mee, unum bisancium.

¹ Burton Joyce, co. Notts. Robert de Burton witnessed a deed of about this date quoted by Thoroton (*Antiqq. of Nottinghamshire*, 228a) from the burnt register of Lenton Priory.

² Thurgarton, co. Notts.

³ Collingham, co. Notts.

⁴ Roger son of Reinfrid was a justice in Eyre in 1176 (Benedict Abbas, i., p. 107; Roger of Hoveden, ii., p. 87). He was one of the five associated with the bishop of Durham and the earl of Albemarle for the government of the realm by Richard I. in 1189 (Hoveden, iii., p. 16). He was excommunicated in 1191 by Longchamps (*Id.* iii., p. 153). See Foss, *Biographia Juridica*.

Hiis testibus: Roberto de Aubini, et Roberto de Ferr[ariis], fratre meo¹; Henrico filio Walk[elini]²; Nicholao filio Pag[ani]; Johanne de Croel; Willelmo clerico; Alano de Thichehale³; Henrico de Stantonona; Rogero de Ardena; Willelmo de Arundell⁴; Oseberto Noel; Gileberto de Chaent; et multis aliis.

Seal missing.

[c. 1170]—Grant by prior B. and the chapter of Newburgh [co. York] to William de Stuteville that they will find a chaplain to sing for his soul daily in the chapel of Gillingemora [Gilling, co. York].

Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis B.⁴ prior et capitulum ecclesie Sancte Marie de Novoburgo, salutem. Sciatis nos concessisse et presenti carta confirmasse Willelmo de Stutevilla⁵ et heredibus suis, pro devotione, quam habuit erga ecclesiam nostram, quod nos invenimus capellanum residentem in capella de Gillingemora in perpetuum, qui ibi cotidie cantet pro salute anime predicti Willelmi de Stutevilla et pro animabus patris et matris ejus et omnium antecessorum ejus.

Hiis testibus: Willelmo clerico de Cothingeham,⁶ Ricardo clerico de Botshal,⁷ Hugone capellano, Bartholomeo de Stutevilla,⁸ Roberto de Melsa,⁹ Benedicto de Sculecotes,¹⁰

¹ Cf. *Report on the Duke of Rutland's MSS.*, iv., p. 31.

² Cf. *Id.* p. 32.

³ Ticknall, co. Derby.

⁴ Bernard, prior of Newburgh, was one of the three persons nominated by the canons of York to the king for the vacant archbishopric in 1186 (Benedict Abbas, i., p. 352). He occurs in a deed of 1189–1199 (Rievaulx Chartulary, p. 235), and in 1199 (*Charters, etc., of Finchale Priory*, Surtees Soc., p. 13). But this is, perhaps, not the prior B. of the present charter, for prior Richard occurs between 1180 and 1190 (Guisbrough Chartulary, ii., p. 255 note 3).

⁵ William de Stuteville was made governor of Topcliff Castle, co. York, in 1173–4 (Dugdale, *Baronage*, i., p. 456a) and died 1202 (Matt. Paris, *Chronica Majora* ii., p. 480). He was alive on 7 July, 1202 (*Rotuli Litterarum Patentium*, p. 14a), but dead before 4 June, 1203 (*Ibid.*, p. 30a).

⁶ Cottingham, co. York.

⁷ Bossall, co. York.

⁸ Witnesses a charter of Robert de Stuteville, father of William, who died in or before 1186 (Eyton, *Court, etc., of Henry II.*, p. 273) in the Rievaulx Chartulary, Surtees Soc., p. 82. Bartholomew de Stuteville occurs in 1200 (*Rotuli de Oblatis*, p. 111).

⁹ Robert son of John de Melsa [Meaux, parish of Wawne, co. York], was a benefactor of Meaux Abbey between 1160 and 1182 (*Chronica Monasterii de Melsa*, i., pp. 159, 168).

¹⁰ Sculecoats, in Kingston-upon-Hull. Benedict de Sculecote is returned in 1166 as holding part of a knight's fee in Yorkshire (*Red Book*, ii., p. 414; *Liber Niger*, p. 305, where it is wrongly printed *Sculetont*). He was a benefactor to Meaux Abbey between 1160 and 1182 (*Chron. de Melsa*, i., pp. 168–9). See also Rievaulx Chartulary, pp. 84, 303. Benedict de Sculecote (a descendant?) is returned in 1210–12 as holding part of a knight's fee in co. York (*Red Book*, ii., pp. 492, 495).

Radulfo filio Paulini Eborac[ensis], Adam de Staveleia,¹ Roberto filio Givonis,² Johanne Burgenun, Martino de Rothomago, Ricardo Golle, Laurentio de Donecast[ria].

Large seal in coloured wax, bearing a figure of the Virgin and Child, and inscribed: " . . . MARIE DE NEVBVR," the NE being a ligature.

[c. 1170]—Grant by William de Heriz to Robert de Auvers of his land in Treberchis [? Thrybergh, co. York].

Willelmus de Heriz³ omnibus hominibus suis et amicis suis, salutem. Sciatis me dedisse Roberto de Auvers⁴ totam terram meam de Treberchis, cum omnibus pertinenciis suis, in feudo et in hereditate, ei et heredibus suis de me et heredibus meis tenendam, pro omni servicio ad me pertinenti; reddendo singulis annis quendam nisum sorum. Quare volo, ut predictus Robertus teneat eandem terram bene et libere sicut ego ipse, faciendo forense servicium.

Hiis testibus (*sic*): Willelmus Avenel⁵ et Gervasius⁶ frater ejus, Simon filius Ricardi,⁷ et Herebertus ejus frater, et

¹ Staveley, co. York. Cf. *Rotuli de Finibus*, pp. 207, 332.

² Givo witnesses a charter of Robert de Stuteville (probably the father of the grantee of the present charter) in the Riveaux Chartulary p. 62. A Givo de Fademore witnesses at p. 131 of the same chartulary.

³ William de Heriz is returned in 1166 as holding knights' fees in cos. Notts and Lincoln (*Red Book of the Exchequer*, i. pp. 342, 383; *Liber Niger Scaccarii*, ed. Hearne, ed. 2, pp. 224, 271). He is mentioned in the Pipe Rolls under cos. Notts and Derby from 1168-9 to 1177-8 (15 to 24 Henry II.), and in 1168-9 under Yorkshire. In 1178-9 his lands were in the king's hands by reason of his death (Pipe Roll, 25 Henry II., ro. 7*d.*), and in 1179-80 Robert de Heriz made a fine of 10*l.* to have the lands of his brother William (Pipe Roll, 26 Henry II., ro. 10*d.*).

⁴ Robert de Alvers is returned in 1166 as a tenant in co. Warwick (*Red Book*, i., p. 326; *Liber Niger*, p. 205). His name occurs in the long list of gentry amerced in 1176 in cos. Notts and Derby (Pipe Roll, 22 Hen. II., p. 96; 23 Hen. II., p. 60) as a result of the king's oppressive decision regarding the forests at Nottingham in 1176 (Benedict Abbas, i. p. 94; Roger of Hoveden ii., p. 79). He is mentioned as a security in the Pipe Rolls for Notts and Derby for 1198-9 (1 John, ro. 15). He witnesses a Derbyshire charter of the time of Henry II. (*Rutland MSS.*, iv. p. 54).

⁵ Mentioned under co. Northampton in 1161-2, 1162-3, 1164-5, 1168-9 (Pipe Rolls 8, 9, 11, and 15 Henry II.). In 1175-6 he was one of the surveyors of the building of the tower of Peak Castle, co. Derby (Pipe Roll, 22 Henry II., p. 90). See *Rutland MSS.*, iv., p. 24.

⁶ Gervase Avenel answers for the land of Bassetlaw [co. Notts] in 1155-6, 1156-7, and 1157-8 (Pipe Roll, 2 Henry II., p. 39; 3 Hen. II., p. 90, 4 Hen. II., p. 153). In 1172-3 he was a surveyor of the works at Bolsover Castle (Pipe Roll, 19 Hen. II., p. 177) and of the building of the tower of Peak Castle in 1175-6 and 1176-7 (Pipe Roll, 22 Hen. II., p. 90, 23 Hen. II., p. 57). In 1179-80 the sheriff of Notts and Derby answers for the corn sold from his lands (Pipe Roll, 26 Hen. II., ro. 10*d.*).

⁷ He was pardoned two marks in 1158-9 under cos. Notts and Derby (Pipe Roll, 5 Henry II., p. 52), and was fined for trespass of the forest under these counties in 1175-6 and 1176-7 (Pipe Roll, 22 Hen. II., p. 94, 23 Hen. II., p. 60). He is also mentioned in 1180-1 (27 Hen. II., ro. 1*d.*), in 1182-3 (29 Hen. II., ro. 8), and in 1197-8 (10 Rich. I., ro. 8). He died during the latter year, for his widow Juetta fined for a writ of dower (*ibid.*).

Willelmus frater ipsius Roberti, et Hugo de Hedun,¹ Robertus de Heriz,² Petrus de Heriz, Philippus Uphtunie.

Seal missing.

[c. 1170]—Grant by Robert son of Walter and Amabilis, his wife, to the nunnery of St. Edith, Polesworth [co. Warwick] of the mill of Kinesberia [Kingsbury, co. Warwick].

³Domino et Patri suo Ricardo,⁴ Dei Gracia, Coventrensi Episcopo, et Ædmundo Archidiacono, et omnibus Sancte Matris Ecclesie filiis, Robertus filius Walteri et Amabil[is], uxor ipsius, salutem.

Sciant presentes omnes et posterii, quod ego Robertus et Amabil[is], uxor mea, concessimus et dedimus ecclesie Dei et Sancte Marie et Sancte Eadithe de Polesworda et sanctorum ibidem Deo servientibus, pro salute anime nostre et pro salute omnium antecessorum et successorum nostrorum, molendinum de Kinesberia, cum tota secuta ipsius molendini, et cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, et cum omni libertate, in perpetuam elemosinam, absolutum, liberum et quietum ab omni servicio et ab omni exactione seculari, cum corpore ipsius Amabil[is], excepta decima ejusdem molendini, quam prius dedimus ecclesie de Kinesberia.

Testibus: Rogero, priore Malvern[ie]; Toma, priore de Avecota⁵; Toma de Westmonasterio, monacho; Serlone, Petro, presbyteris; et Magistro Widone; Willelmo Fulesbi; Petro de Bracebrug⁶; Willelmo de Hardredeshull⁷; Herberto; Gileberto; Rogero del Holt; Alexandro; Waltero Pinel; Nicholao; et multis aliis.

Seal missing.

¹ Hugh de Hedduna [Headon, co. Notts] owed 10*l.* in 1167–8 for relief for land held of the honour of Tickhill, under cos. Notts and Derby (Pipe Roll, 14 Henry II., p. 92; cf. 15 Hen. II., p. 44, 16 Hen. II., p. 54). In 1175–6 he was fined in these counties for forest offences (Pipe Roll, 22 Henry II., p. 92). In the following year he made fine to have the king's good will (Pipe Roll, 23 Hen. II., p. 59, and 24 Hen. II., ro. 6*d.*). In 1194 he adhered to John against Richard I., and made a fine of 10*l.* to have his lands again, consisting of one knight's fee in Heddun (Pipe Roll, 6 Rich. I., ro. 6). He answers for scutage in 1201–2, 1202–3, and 1203–4 (Pipe Rolls, 4 John, ro. 14; 5 John, ro. 13; 6 John, ro. 13).

² Robert de Heriz fined to have his brother's lands in 1179–80 (see note 3, page 7). In 1180–1 Ralph de Crumwell fined to hasten his right concerning Widmerpool [co. Notts] against him (Pipe Roll, 27 Hen. II., ro. 1*d.*) and in 1188–9 (Pipe Roll, 1 Richard I., p. 155). Robert answered for scutage under Notts and Derby in 1196–7 (Pipe Roll, 9 Richard I., ro. 10). In the following year Ivo de Heriz, his son, made a fine for having Robert's lands (Pipe Rolls, 10 Ric. I., ro. 8). See also Dugdale, *Baronage*, i., p. 684a, and *Rotuli de Oblatis*, pp. 35, 188. The Robert de Heriz whose lands at Stapelford (Stapleford, co. Notts) seem to have been in the king's hands in 1176–7 (Pipe Roll, 23 Hen. II., p. 63) belonged to another family, and is probably the Robert de Heriz who was fined in cos. Notts and Derby for trespass of the forest in 1175–6 (Pipe Roll, 22 Henry II., p. 95; 23 Henry II., p. 60), since Stapleford was in Sherwood Forest, and Widmerpool was far outside it.

³ This charter is cited by Dugdale, *Warwickshire*, p. 761a, from a chartulary.

⁴ Richard Peché, consecrated in 1161, died 6 October, 1182.

⁵ Alvecote, parish of Shuttington, co. Warwick, a cell of Malvern Priory.

⁶ Bracebridge, co. Lincoln.

⁷ Hartshill, parish of Mancetter, co. Warwick.

[c. 1170]—Confirmation by Simon de Harcuria [Harcourt] and Alice, his wife, of the preceding grant.

Domino et patri suo Ricardo, Dei gracia, Coventrensi episcopo, et Ædmando Archidiacono, et omnibus Sancte Matris Ecclesie filiis, Simon de Arcuria et Aelicia, uxor mea, salutem.

Sciant presentes omnes et posteri, quod ego Simon de Harcuria et Aelicia, uxor mea, concessimus, et carta nostra confirmavimus, Ecclesie Dei et Sancte Marie et Sancte Eadithe de Polesworda et sanctimonialibus ibidem Deo servientibus, pro salute anime nostre et pro salute omnium antecessorum et successorum nostrorum, donationem Roberti filii Walteri et uxoris ejus Amabil[is], scilicet molendinum de Kinesburia, cum tota secta ipsius molendini, et cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, et cum omni libertate, in perpetuum elemosinam, absolutum, liberum, et quietum ab omni servicio et ab omni exactione seculari, salva decima ejusdem molendini, que pertinet ad ecclesiam Sancti Petri de Kinesburia.

His testibus : Simeone de Sepeia¹ et Petro de Kinesb[uria] et Willelmo de Basterleia², sacerdotibus ; et Willelmo de Spondon³ et Willelmo Canonico et Galfrido de Sepeia¹ et Willelmo de Contorn⁴, clericis ; et Willelmo de Warda et Radulfo filio Radulfi et Richero, fratre suo, et Galfrido filio Alegaldi et Serlono (*sic*) de Sutunia⁵ et Ada de Welberca et Willelmo de Witacra⁶ et Roberto de Persita et Watero (*sic*) Pinel et Rogero filio Jacobi et Roberto Malnevu et Herberto et Godfrido de Sautlega⁷ et Toma de Aseperc et filiis suis, et multis aliis.

Fragments of seal sewed up in cloth bag.

[c. 1170]—Confirmation of the preceding grant and confirmation by Richard, bishop of Coventry.

Ricardus, Dei gracia, Coventrensis Episcopus, omnibus Sancte Matris Ecclesie filiis, salutem in Domino.

Sciant omnes tam posteri quam presentes, quod nos, presentis carte nostre auctoritate, donationem illam confirmamus, quam Robertus filius Galteri et Amabil[is], uxor ipsius, fecerunt ecclesie Dei et Sancte Marie et Sancte Edithe de Pollisworda et sanctimonialibus ibidem Deo servientibus, scilicet de molendino de Kinisbiria, quod ipsi, cum tota secta ipsius molendini, et omnibus pertinentiis suis, et cum omni libertate, in perpetuum elemosinam memoratis sanctimonialibus, liberum et quietum ab omni seculari exactione et servicio, dederunt. Preterea hanc eandem donationem, quam

¹ Sheepy, co. Leicester.

² Baxterley, co. Warwick.

³ Spondon, co. Derby.

⁴ Coundon, co. Warwick ?

⁵ Sutton Coldfield, co. Warwick.

⁶ Whitacre, co. Warwick.

⁷ Sattley, parish of Aston, co. Warwick.

Simon de Harincuria et Aelicia, uxor ejus, ante-dicto religioso loco concesserunt et carta sua confirmaverunt, juxta illorum carte tenorem, similiter hujus scripti nostri testimonio corroboramus. Siquis vero hanc donationem in Deo factam in irritum revocare et infirmare presumpserit, anathematis vineulo ferimus eum.

His testibus: Eadmundo et Rogero et Radulfo, archidiaconis nostris; Magistro Gaufrido de Lent[ona]¹; Magistro Roberto de Haia; Nigello capellano; Stephano, capellano de Cesterfeld; Waltero de Tilisbiria; Gaufrido Salvagio; Willelmo Burdet; Waltero de Sumervilla et Rogero et Roberto, filiis ejus; et multis aliis.

Seal missing.

[c. 1175]—Confirmation by John [de Lacy], Constable of Chester, of the grant by Fulk de Mareis to Nicholas the clerk of Marnaham [Marnham, co. Notts] of land in Stiresthorp [Staythorpe, parish of Averham, co. Notts].

Johannes, Constabularius Cestrie,² omnibus hominibus suis, Francis et Anglicis, clericis et laicis, presentibus et futuris, salutem.

Sciatis Fulconem de Mareis coram me dedisse et concessisse Nicholao clerico meo de Marnaham³ et heredibus suis totam terram suam de Stirestorp, que est de meo feodo, pro dimidia marca argenti, quam predictus Nicholaus illi prenominato Fulconi de Mareis dedit in principio pro terra prenominata, libere et quiete et honorifice, tenendam de illo et de heredibus suis, in tofto et crofto et in bosco, in pratis et in pasturis, et in omnibus aliis rebus, que ad predictam terram pertinent, pro iij. solidis reddendo (*sic*) annuatim predicto Fulconi et heredibus suis pro omnibus serviciis, que ad illos pertinent, excepto servitio forinseco; ad festum Sancti Michaelis xviiij. debet reddere de ista firma, et in die Palmarum xviiij. Hanc autem donationem et concessionem petitione predicti Fulconis de Mareis Nicholao clerico predicto de Marnaham et heredibus suis concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi, ut terra predicta in feodo et hereditate Nicholao clerico predicto et heredibus suis stabilis et rata permaneat.

¹ The "Magister Galfridus de Lenton" who witnesses an undated agreement between the monks of Bordsley and the church of St. Mary, Warwick, printed by Madox, *Formulare Anglicanum*, 1702, p. 24, no. xlii.

² John the Constable accounted in 1177-8 for 213*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* for a fine for his mother's lands, to be paid by 80 marks yearly, in co. Notts (Pipe Roll, 24 Henry II., ro. 6*d.*). He accompanied Richard to the Holy Land, and died at Tyre in 1190 or 1191 (Benedictus Abbas, ii., p. 148; Roger de Hoveden, iii., p. 88). See *Dict. Nat. Biography*, xxxi., p. 338; Dugdale, *Baronage*, i., p. 100a.

³ Marnham, co. Notts. John, Constable of Chester, is recorded to have given the church of Marnham to the Knight Templars (*Monasticon*, vi., p. 825a). His foundation deed of Stanlow (later known as Whalley) abbey, co. Chester, which is dated 1178, is witnessed by "Nicholas, persona de Marnham" (*Monasticon*, vi., p. 641a; corrupted to "Marisham" in the copy in the *Coucher Book of Whalley Abbey* (Chetham Soc., 1847), p. 5).

His testibus: Roberto, sacerdote de Stoca¹; Willelmo Legato; Silvestro de Suttona²; Galfrido, milite de Suttuna³; Galfrido Escrop; Willelmo filio Gerardi; Ricardo de Clifton³; Ricardo de Awic; Roberto clerico de Cliftona³; Roberto de Wadewrpa⁴; Rogero de Normantona⁵; Richer de Scegebi⁶; Ricardo de Co (*sic*) de Cotintona⁷; Nigello de Cliftona; Roberto fratre Nicholai; Waltef de Marnaham; Elia de Pasci; Adam de Duttun⁸; Rogero Burdun⁸; Roberto filio Rogeri⁸; Adam Cytharista.

Fragment of large seal with equestrian figure.

[c. 1175]—Confirmation by Robert son of Philip [de Baseford⁹] of his father's grant to Eustace de Brocolvestou [Broxtow, co. Notts] of land, etc., in Baseford [Basford, co. Notts] and at Essebia [Ashby Magna, co. Leicester?].

Robertus filius Philippi omnibus amicis et hominibus suis, tam futuris quam presentibus, salutem.

Certum sit vobis, quod pater meus Philippus dedit et concessit Eustachio de Brocolvestou,¹⁰ meo concessu, quatuor bovatas terre et tres culturas et duo prata et sedem unam molendini in feudo suo de Ba[se]ford, in liberum conjugium cum sua filia, et etiam apud Magnam Essebiam unam virgatam terre, de se ad tenendam et de herede suo sibi et heredi suo quiete et libere, propter hominum suum et propter servicium suum, scilicet equitandi cum eo vel cum uxore sua de uno mansu (*sic*) ad alium mansum, scilicet de Baseford ad Essebiam. Hoc donum eciam supradictum in hac presenti carta do et confirmo nunc et inperpetuum sibi et heredibus suis de me et heredibus¹¹ meis.

Hujus rei testes sunt isti: Gilebertus capellanus¹²; Willelmus Hauselin¹³; Adam Marescalcus et Hugo, frater ejus;

¹ East Stoke, co. Notts.

² Sutton-on-Trent, co. Notts. Silvester de Sutton made a fine under cos. Notts and Derby in 1179–80 for the pledge of one of his men (Pipe Roll, 26 Henry II., ro. 10d.) and in 1180–1 (Pipe Roll, 27 Hen. II., ro. 1d.). A fine was levied in 1203 between Roland son of Silvester, demandant, and Robert de Lisures concerning land in Sternethorp, the Stirethorp of this deed (Feet of Fines, co. Notts, file 2, no. 21).

³ North or South Clifton, co. Notts.

⁴ Wadworth, co. York, is mentioned as Wadewurth with Marnham in 1204 (*Rot. Chart.* p. 133a) and in the *Testa de Nevill*, p. 22b.

⁵ Normanton, near Marnham, co. Notts.

⁶ Skegby, parish of Marnham.

⁷ Coddington, co. Notts.

⁸ Witnesses the foundation deed of Stanlow Abbey (see note 3, p. 10, above).

⁹ See Thoroton, *Notts*, p. 233a.

¹⁰ Eustace de Brokelestoua is mentioned in the Pipe Rolls for Notts and Derby in 1181–2, 28 Henry II., ro. 2. Broxtowe is recorded simply by Broxtowe Hall, now a farmhouse in the parish of Bilborough.

¹¹ *herededibus*, MS.

¹² *capellanus*, MS.

¹³ Written clearly "Hauselin," (= Halselin, p. 32, below). Similarly Ralph Hauselin is clearly so written in the Pipe Rolls for 1193–4, 1196–7 (6 Richard I., ro. 6; 8 Richard I., ro. 54).

Samson de Stretlei¹; Robertus, frater ejus; Adam de Moreteun² et Hugo, frater ejus; Ricardus de Asple³; Everardus de Lentun⁴; Raudulfus (*sic*) filius Gileberti; Philippus filius Philippi. VALETE.

Seal missing.

[c. 1175]—Grant by Hugh son of Theodoric and Margaret, his wife, to St. Peter's Church, Winterburn [Winterborne Zelstone, co. Dorset] of land [in Winterborne] for the maintenance of a lamp in the church.

Sciant presentes et futuri, quod ego Hugo filius Theodoric⁵ et uxor mea Margareta donavimus ecclesie Sancti Petri de Winterburnia,⁶ in perpetuam elemosinam, duas acras terre ad mortarium,⁷ una in oriente proxima juxta divisas, altera in valle juxta divisas proxima, in altera *erþmerche del est de Serdebege*⁸ ubi *marlere*⁹ exstat, et altera proxima *de la charere del norh*.¹⁰

His testibus: Domino Ricardo,¹¹ arch[idiacono] Dorsete, et toto capitulo Dorecestrie, et tota parrochia de Winterburnia.

Seal missing.

¹ Sampson de Stradlega [Strelley, co. Notts] was amerced under Notts and Derby for trespass of the forest in 1176 (Pipe Roll, 22 Henry II., p. 94; cf. 23 Hen. II., p. 59). He witnessed the charter of John, earl of Mortain, to the burgesses of Nottingham in 1189 or slightly later (*Records of the Borough of Nottingham*, i., p. 10). In 1194 his chattels were seized into the king's hands among those of others "of the king's enemies" (Pipe Roll, 6 Richard I., ro. 6). In 1194-5 he paid four marks under cos. Notts and Derby because he had supported John in his rebellion (Pipe Roll, 7 Richard I., ro. 2). In 1197-8 Sampson de Stradleg' [his son] paid thirty marks under the said counties to have seisin of his father's lands, which were still in the king's hands because he had supported John (Pipe Roll, 10 Richard I., ro. 8). This Sampson died before 1206-7, for in that year Walter de Stradleg owed a falcon under the same counties for having seisin of his father's lands (Pipe Roll, 9 John, ro. 11; *Rotuli de Finibus*, p. 377).

² Adam de Moretonio [Mortain, Normandy, dep. of La Manche] was amerced for trespass of the forest in 1176 under cos. Notts and Derby (Pipe Roll, 22 Henry II., p. 94; cf. 23 Henry II., p. 59). In 1185-6 the sheriff of these counties accounts for the ferm of Adam's lands (Pipe Roll, 32 Henry II., ro. 8), which were in the king's hands, probably by reason of his death.

³ Aspley (Hall), parish of Radford (near Nottingham).

⁴ Lenton, co. Notts.

⁵ Terricus (Old French *Tierr* = Theodoric) de Bosco Herberti is returned in 1166 as a tenant in Dorset (*Red Book*, i., p. 215; *Libcr Niger*, p. 80). A Theodoricus de Bosco granted land in one of the Dorset Winterbournes before 1206 (*Rotuli Chartarum*, p. 163; Hutchins, *Hist. of Dorset*, ed. 3. iv., p. 7, note b). Hugh son of Terricus paid half a mark in 1207 for a disseisin in that county (*Rotuli de Finibus*, p. 404). Cf. also Thericus de Werdesford, page 54, below.

⁶ The older dedication of the church of Winterborn Zelstone to St. Peter is mentioned in 1384-5 (Hutchins, i., p. 337, note d).

⁷ A lamp (Old French *mortier*), a meaning not recorded by Ducange. Cf. Hutchins, iii., p. 729b, 'mortierum vel lampas.'

⁸ 'The earth-boundary [ridge of earth?] to the east of Serdebege,' the latter seemingly meaning the old parish of Charborough, now in the parish of Morden.

⁹ 'marl-pit,' Old French *marliere*, modern French *marnière*.

¹⁰ 'to the cartroad (Old French *charriere*) on the north.'

¹¹ An addition to the list of archdeacons in Le Neve's *Fasti Ecclesie Anglicanæ*.

[c. 1175]—Grant by Nicholas son of William de Trowella [Trowell, co. Notts] to the church of Sempringham [abbey, co. Lincoln] of a moiety of a mill in Trowell.

Omnibus Christi fidelibus Nicholaus¹ filius Willelmi de Trowella, salutem.

Sciatis me dedisse et hac carta mea confirmasse, assensu heredum meorum, in puram elemosinam et perpetuam possessionem Deo et ecclesie Sancte Marie et monialibus de Sempingham et fratribus earum, clericis et laicis, ibidem Deo servientibus medietatem molendini super Yrewis,² que est de feudo meo, cum mediet[ate] del Holm³ quod est circumfossatum in territorio de Trowella, solutam et quietam ab omni servicio et exactione, et cum omni libertate et consuetudine, quam ego habui super idem molendinum, videlicet, ut ego et homines mei veniamus ad predictum molendinum ad molendum omnia blada, que habemus molere. Hanc vero elemosinam ego et heredes mei erga omnes homines de universis calumpniis et serviciis in perpetuum illis warrantizabimus.

His testibus : Thoma, capellano de Sempingham ; Samsone de Stretleie ; Helya de Bramc[ote⁴] ; Gill[ebert]o, Hugone Bugghe, Radulfo, clericis de Sempingham ; Roberto Musteile⁵ ; Hugone Spien ; Jacobo ; Galfrido Puinnant ; Ulf ; Galfrido de Copestoche⁶ ; Willelmo Franceis ; Willelmo Brekedure⁷.

Endorsed in same hand : 'DE NICHOLAO.' 'DE BRAMCH[O]TE.'

Large seal with equestrian figure, inscribed : + SIGILLV . .
. . AI DE TROWELLE.

[c. 1175]—Confirmation by Godfrey de Stanford and Maud, his wife, to the monks of Sempringham [co. Lincoln] of a grant to them by Nicholas de Trowella of land in Trowell.

Notum sit universis Christi fidelibus, quod ego Godefridus de Stanford⁸ et uxor mea Matill[is] et heredes mei concessimus, et hac carta mea confirmavimus, Deo et Sancte Marie et monialibus de Sepingham et fratribus earum, clericis et laicis, totam donationem, quam Nicolaus de Trowella dedit eis in eadem villa, scilicet de sex bovatis terre de demeno suo, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, prout carta ipsius Nicolai testatur. Hanc vero donacionem affidavimus inperpetuum

¹ Nicholas de Trowella is mentioned in 1165-6 and 1166-7 (Pipe Roll 12 Hen. II., pp. 54, 58 ; 13 Hen. II., p. 137).

² The river Erewash.

³ 'Island.'

⁴ Bramcote, co. Notts.

⁵ Robert Mustel answers in 1176-7 for a default in Kent (Pipe Roll, 23 Hen. II., p. 205). He is clearly the Robert M[er]steile (*read* M[us]steile ?) of the *Rulland MSS.*, iv., p. 54, of a charter of the reign of Henry II. A Roger Mustel or Musteile answers in 1175-6 in co. Lincoln for a forest offence (Pipe Roll, 22 Henry II., p. 86).

⁶ Cotterstock, co. Northampton.

⁷ William Brechedore witnesses the charter cited in note 5.

⁸ Stanford-on-Soar, co. Notts. Cf. Thoroton, *Notts*, p. 36.

tenendam in manu Roberti filii Brien, et uxor mea Matill[is] in manu Hawise, uxoris Roberti de Stanford, coram Reginaldo, sacerdote de Stanford, et coram Alicia, sorore mea.

His testibus : Radulfo¹, capellano de Sempingham ; Adam de Morton² ; Samson de Stratlee ; Eustachio de Brokolestowe ; Roberto filio Brien ; Willelmo, Waltero, Jordano, fratribus ejus ; Roberto Malrewad (*sic*) ; Petro de Osebernebi,³ famulo regis ; Roberto Mustela ; Willelmo Franceis ; Ulf Stabulario ; Willelmo Brekedure ; Galfrido Puintrant (*sic*) ; Pagano Cementario de Pointona⁴ ; Hugone Cementario de Binnebroc⁴ ; Alano Cementario de Billesbi⁵ ; Magistro Gervasio de Burch ; Achille, Stephano, filiis suis ; Adam filio Mauricii Clerici de Lochtona⁶ ; Hugone Tegulario.

Seal with armed figure on horseback, carrying a lance with a long double-tailed pennon. Inscription: + SIGILLVM GODEFRIDI DE STANFORT.

[c. 1175]—Confirmation of preceding grants by Philip de Kyme.

Omnibus Sancte Matris Ecclesie filiis, Philippus de Kym,⁷ salutem.

Notum sit vobis me concessisse et hac carta mea confirmasse Sanctimonialibus de Sempingham et conventui quatuor bovatas terre et unum toftum de quatuor acris terre in territorio de Trowella et medietatem molendini de Irewis, cum omnibus pertinenciis suis, scilicet, donacionem Nicholai de Trowella, sicut carte sue confirmant et testantur, salvo forinseco servicio.

Testibus : Priore de Kym⁸ ; Rogero filio meo, canonico ; Sym[one], Willelmo, et Philippo, filiis meis ; Ricardo de Ormesbi⁹ ; Ricardo de Sancto Petro ; Johanne clerico meo ; Godefrido de Stanford.

Large seal with armed figure on horseback. Inscription: [SIG]ILLVM

[c. 1180]—Grant by John de Bracebruge to Godfrey son of Esegar of land [in Kingsbury, co. Warwick?]. Written in the same hand as the two charters of Godfrey son of Ingrid de Hurnlee to John de Bracebrugge (p. 21 below) and the charter of William son of Godfrey de Hurnle to the said John, p. 22 below).

¹ *Radulfo*, MS.

² Osbournby, co. Lincoln.

³ Pointon, with Sempringham, co. Lincoln.

⁴ Binbrooke, co. Lincoln.

⁵ Bilsby, co. Lincoln.

⁶ Lutton, co. Lincoln.

⁷ Philip de Kyme (co. Lincoln) was sheriff of Lincoln from 1167 to 1170.

Richard I. acquired in 1189 Philip's service in Lincolnshire from the bishop of Durham in exchange (Roger of Hoveden, iii., p. 14). He died shortly after this date (cf. Dugdale, *Baronage*, i., p. 620).

⁸ The Augustinian priory of Kyme, co. Lincoln, founded by Philip de Kyme.

⁹ Richard de Ormesbi made fine in co. Lincoln to have a recognition of land against Simon son of Robert in 1176-7 (Pipe Roll, 23 Henry II., p. 112).

Omnibus, ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit, Johannes de Bracebr[uge], salutem.

Noveritis me dedisse et concessisse et hac presenti mea carta mea confirmasse Godefrido filio Esegar et heredibus suis, pro omagio et servicio suo, vi. acras terre; scilicet, unam acram, que jacet contra crucem et terram ecclesie, quam Decanus tenet; et ii. acras, que se extendunt apud Alditholm; et i. acram in Sidenhale; et ii. acras juxta Rodhale, que se extendunt ad Blakemor; et ii. b[uta]s, que se extendunt ad *le Portwei* ad implementum predictarum acrarum, cum crofto et mesuagio, quod fuit Esegar, patris predicti Godefr[idi], et cum crofto et mesuagio, quod fuit Walteri filii Gregorii, et cum crofto Willelmi Spillemort, et cum prato quod fuit Ade Thedris, et cum prato quod fuit Rogeri Gori: tenendas de me et heredibus meis, libere et quiete, in boscho, in plano, in pratis, in pascuis, et in omnibus libertatibus; reddendo annuatim ipse et heredes sui michi et heredibus meis, pro omni servicio et exaccione, quatuor solidos argenti et [vi. dena]rios ad duos terminos, scilicet ad festum Sancte Marie in Marcio ii. solidos et iii. obolos, et ad festum Sancti Michaelis ii. solidos et iii. obolos. Pro hac autem donatione et [concession]e et confirmatione, dedit mihi sepedictus Godefr[idus] tres marcas argenti et i. *dubler*¹.

Hiis testibus²: Radulfo capellano; Roberto fratre Domini Johannis; Laurencio de Merst³; Nicholao de Esbroc; H; Waltero Fundi; Petro, fratre ejus; Radulfo de Wlputl'; Johanne filio Ingrid; Rogero Bagod; Rogero de Henle⁴; Willelmo Nigro; Ricardo filio ejus; Roberto de Makest[oke]⁵; Rogero de Blacgr[eve]⁶; Simone de Brockel[eye]; de Blacgr[eve]; Ada de Makest[oke]; et multis aliis.

Large seal in white wax with equestrian figure, much worn, with faint traces of inscription.

[c. 1180]—Grant by John de Bracebrugge to the nunnery of St. Edith, Polesworth [co. Warwick], of the mills of Kingsburi [Kingsbury, co. Warwick] and of Hurlea [Hurley, parish of Kingsbury].

⁷Omnibus Sancte Matris Ecclesie filiis presentibus et futuris, Johannes de Bracebrugge, salutem.

Noverit universitas vestra, quod ego concessi et hac carta confirmavi, pro salute anime mee et patris mei et matris mee

¹ Old French *dubl(i)er* meant a dish, a liquid measure, a napkin, sack, etc. See *New English Dictionary*, s.v. 'Doubler, 1.'

² The witnesses' names are added in a lighter coloured ink in the same hand, the deed as far as *Hiis testibus* having obviously been prepared before the names of the witnesses were known.

³ Marston, co. Warwick.

⁴ Henley-in-Arden, co. Warwick.

⁵ Maxtoke, co. Warwick.

⁶ Blackgreaves Farm, parish of Lea Marston, co. Warwick.

⁷ This charter is cited from an Insepimus of 21 Richard II. by Dugdale. *Warwickshire*, p. 761b.

et omnium antecessorum meorum, molendina de Kinesburi Deo et Sancte Marie et Ecclesie Sancte Eadiðe de Poleswriðe et monialibus ibidem Deo servientibus, cum Mulnecroft et Whetholm, et una acra prati ad Bradeford', et quodam prato, et quadam mora, que est inter aquam molendini et calcetam, que est juxta pratum Herberti, et inter duas foveas, et insula, que est juxta stagnum molendini: tenenda 'in puram et perpetuam elemosinam liberam et quietam ab omnibus secularibus exactionibus. Preterea, concessi eis et confirmavi piscarias in exclusis predictorum molendinorum et in circuitu molendini, terram ad cespites capiendas (*sic*), quantum opus fuerit, ad reficiendum ipsum molendinum et stagnum molendini ubique, nisi in prato et in blado. Hec eis concessi et confirmavi, cum secta et cum omnibus suis pertinenciis et libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus, in bosco et plano, in pratis et pascuis, in semitis et viis, et omnibus aliis eisiamentis. Et cum eisdem libertatibus et eisiamentis concessi eis et confirmavi molendinum de Hurlea cum secta et pertinenciis suis, ut hec omnia supradicta perpetuo coquine earundem monialium permaneant donata.

Hiis testibus: Simone, abbate Persorensi¹; Magistro Roberto de Salopesb[uri]; Thoma, persona de Kinesb[uri]; Willelmo Mareschallo; Roberto de Bromcote²; Simone de Echeles³; Rogero de Erdintona⁴; Roberto de Langedona; Maneser de Witacre⁵; Nicholao de Essebroc; Willelmo Fundu; Godefrido de Hurlée; Radulfo de Wlfputtelée; Jordano fratre suo; Robin de Bracebrugge; Waltero Fundu; Hugone de Essebroc; Hamone filio Sefare; Henrico, clerico de Estona,⁶ qui hanc cartam scripsit in ecclesia de Kinesbire, et aliis.

Seal in white wax with equestrian figure.

[c. 1180]—Grant by John son of Peter de Bracebruge to William the Farrier (*Marescallo*) of land [in Kingsbury, co. Warwick ?]

Sciunt tam presentes quam futuri, quod ego Johannes filius Petri de Bracebruge dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta confirmavi, in feudo et hereditate, Willelmo Marescallo et heredibus suis, tenendam de me et heredibus meis, pro homagio suo et servitio, terram que fuit Hacun de Hurlee⁷, et terram que fuit Roberti Kinebald, et terram que fuit Ricardi de Havekesford, et terram que fuit Alani filii Hacun, et terram que fuit Godefridi de Sudlee, et terram

¹ Simon became abbot in 1175 (*Annales de Theokesberia*, in *Annales Monastici*, i., p. 51), and died in 1198 (*Ib.*, i., p. 56; *Annales Winton.*, ii., p. 67).

² Bramcote [Hall], parish of Polesworth.

³ Nechells, parish of Aston, co. Warwick.

⁴ Erdington, parish of Aston, co. Warwick.

⁵ Whitacre, co. Warwick.

⁶ Aston, co. Warwick.

⁷ Hurley, parish of Kingsbury, co. Warwick.

que fuit Rannulfi fabri ad Pontem de Sudlee, et terram que fuit Willelmi de Gledenhurst, cum omnibus pertinentiis predictarum terrarum, libere et quiete et honorifice, in pascuis, in viis, in semitis, in aquis, in pratis, in stangnis, in silvis, et in omnibus aliis locis, et quietatione de pasnagio et de tolneto, et *husbote* et *heibote* in bosco meo rationabiliter; reddendo annuatim michi et heredibus meis ipse et heredes sui unum nisum sorum vel xijd. pro omni seculari servitio et exactione apud Kinesberi, scilicet ad Vincula Sancti Petri.

His testibus: Waltero de Plumtun, Nicholao filio Liulfi, Milone Barba April[i], Willelmo Fundu, Nicholao de Haisbroc, Roberto de Suttona¹, Viello de Folkeshul², Radulfo de Wlfputelee, Roberto clerico, Godefrido de Hurlee³, Roberto de Plumtona, Waltero Fundu, Serlone, et multis aliis.

Equestrian seal, same as affixed to the two preceding deeds, with most of the inscription worn away.

[c. 1180]—Grant by Alice de Kinesbire [Kingsbury, Warwick] to the nunnery of St. Edith at Polesworde [Polesworth, co. Warwick] of the mills at Kinesbire and at Hurlega [Hurley, parish of Kingsbury].⁴

Omnibus Sancte Matris Ecclesie filiis, ad quos littere presentes pervenerint, Aliz de Kinesbire, filia Hosberti de Arderne, salutem.

Noverit universitas vestra, me, pro salute anime mee et matris mee et aliorum antecessorum et successorum meorum, concessisse, et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse, Deo et Sancte Marie et Sancte Eadiþe de Polesworde et monialibus ibidem Deo servientibus molendinum de Kinesbire et molendinum de Hurlega, cum secta et omnibus aliis pertinentiis et libertatibus suis libere, pacifice, quiete, in puram elemosinam et liberam ab omnibus secularibus exactionibus, salva decima, que pertinet ad ecclesiam de Kinesbire.

Hiis testibus: Simone Basset⁵; Willelmo de Fuletebi⁶; Roberto filio Radulfi; Roberto de Grendona⁷; Nicholao de Hessebroc⁸; Willelmo Fundu; Galfrido, Willelmo, Siwardo, sacerdotibus; Adam, Henrico, Nicholao, clericis; Roberto filio Pagani; et aliis.

Seal missing.

[c. 1180]—Confirmation by Roger Pité of grant to Ywan le Breton of land in Willhebi [Willoughby-on-the-Wolds, co. Notts].

¹ Sutton Coldfield, co. Warwick.

² Foleshill, co. Warwick.

³ Hurley, parish of Kingsbury.

⁴ This charter is cited from a chartulary ('*ex Cod. MS.*'), not the original, by Dugdale, *Warwickshire*, p. 761a.

⁵ See *MSS. of the Duke of Rutland*, vol. iv., p. 22.

⁶ Fulletby, co. Lincoln. See *Rutland MSS.*, iv., p. 23.

⁷ Grendon, co. Warwick.

⁸ Esbroc, see page 4, note 13, above.

Sciant tam presentes quam futuri, quod ego Rogerus Pitei dedi et hac mea carta confirmavi Ywano le Breton¹ et heredibus suis ii.^{ss} bovatas terre in Willhebi, scilicet illas, quas Leviva tenuit, cum tofto et crofto et omnibus pertinentiis infra villam et extra villam: tenendas de me et de heredibus meis in feudo et in hereditate; reddendo mihi et heredibus meis annuatim una calcaria (*sic*) deargentata vel iiiii.^{or} nummos infra octavas Pasche pro omni servicio, quod ad me et ad heredes meos pertinet, salvo forinseco servicio et salva firma de Thikehil, pro qua scilicet firma reddet mihi annuatim sex denarios tantum duobus terminis, tres scilicet ad festum Beati Michaelis et tres ad Pascha Floridum. Et pro hac donatione et concessione, predictus Ywanus dedit mihi v. marcas argenti de *gersum*.

His testibus: Willelmo de Leke; Hugone de Till'; Reginaldo de Insula; Rand[ulfo] de Wandesl[ee]²; Reginaldo de Aneslee³; Radulfo de Aneslee; Roberto A[n]geuin; Roberto de Boves⁴; Nicholao le Angeuin; Willelmo Pité; Waltero del Hulmo; Galfrido de Insula; Henrico cliente de Plumtre⁵; et multis aliis.

Seal in green wax with bird (peacock?). Inscription:
+ SIGILLVM ROGERI.

[c. 1180]—Grant by Simon son of Simon [de Kyme] to Richard de Gaitune of land in Billeburg [Bilborough, co. Notts].

Notum sit omnibus hominibus tam presentibus quam futuris, me Symonem filium Symonis dedisse et concessisse et hac mea carta confirmasse Ricardo de Gaitune⁶ et heredibus suis duas bovatas (*sic*) terre in Billeburg, cum omnibus pertinentiis et aisamentis ejusdem terre: tenendas de me et heredibus meis in feudo et hereditate, libere et quiete et honorifice, pro omni servicio mihi et heredibus meis pertinenti, xii. denariis reddendis per annum ad festum Sancti Martini. Illas, scilicet, bovatas do predicto Rica[r]do et heredibus suis, que fuerunt Randulfi de Prestwald, ita libere sicut predictum est.

His testibus: Roberto Beket; Randulfo, fratre meo; Sanson' de Stratleie; Eustacio de Brocholvestoue; Roberto de Mammetun; Nicholao⁷ armigero; Ricardo Coco; Alexandro

¹ Ywain le Bretun witnesses Notts charters about the date assigned to this charter, and in the early part of the thirteenth century (Thoroton, *Notts*, pp. 249a, 255a, 265a; see also p. 78a).

² Randolph de Wandeslea [Wandesley, parish of Annesley, co. Notts] paid a fine for a forest trespass in 1175-6 (Pipe Roll, 22 Henry II., p. 61). Cf. Pipe Roll, 23 Henry II., p. 95.

³ Reginald de Annesley made a like fine in the same roll. In 1184-5 he was fined for a purpresture (Pipe Roll, 31 Henry II., ro. 8).

⁴ Boves, Picardy, canton of Sains, arrondissement of Amiens, depart. of the Somme.

⁵ Plumtree, co. Notts.

⁶ In 1202 William de Gaiton released by fine to Walter de Ribof (see below, page 39) and Isabel, his wife (see Thoroton, *Notts*, p. 448b) three bovates of land in Bileburg, and they by the same fine granted to him two of these bovates, to wit those that Walter de Prestwalt held (*Feet of Fines*, co. Notts, file 2, no. 14), probably the two conveyed by the present charter.

⁷ *Nicholaco*, MS.

de Norfouc; Acero de Billeburg; Willelmo Hurtefrunt; Alberto Molendinario; Roberto de Waldeshilf¹.

Seal missing.

[c. 1180]—Grant by Richard son of Jotlein (Jollan) de Ristunia to Idonia, wife of Sir Helto de Boisdele, of land in Ristunia [Reston, co. Lincoln].

Notum sit tam presentibus quam futuris, quod ego Ricardus filius Jotlein de Ristunia dedi et concessi Idonie, uxori Domini Heltonis de Boisdel',² et suis heredibus, terciam partem quatuor bovetarum (*sic*), quas teneo de feudo Rogeri filii Ranulfi, scilicet unam bovatom terre et terciam partem unius bovate in Ristunia, cum omnibus pertinentiis eidem terre in nemore, in plano, in pratis, in pasturis, in aquis, in viis, in exitu, in feudum et hereditatem; et illam terram a me et heredibus meis illa et heredes sui solute et quiete et libere tenebunt, salvo servicio regis. Et pro eadem terra reddet Idonea mihi vel heredes sui singulis annis xii. denarios. Et de³ terra ista faciat Idonia vel heredes sui voluntatem suam, salvo servicio meo.

Hujus rei testes sunt: Dominus Helto de Boisdel'; Ricardus de Hahc; Radulfus, presbiter de Hacham⁴; Petrus de Becherine⁵; Hogo (*sic*) filio Heltonis; Ranulfus de Meirembout; Gilbertus de Wella; Alanus de Boisdel'; Andreas de Wella; Johannes de Boisdel'; Robertus clericus; Radulfus, sacerdos de Lincolne.

*Seal in white wax bearing a bull (?) passant with head turned backwards, inscribed: * [SIG]LLLV[M RICAR]DI FILII IOSSLANI.*

[c. 1180]—Grant by William Pité to Bartholomew son of Ulf de Notingeham of land in Wilghebi [Willoughby-on-the-Wolds, co. Notts].

Sciant omnes presentes et futuri, quod ego Willelmus Pite,⁶

¹ Waldershelf, near Bolterstone, parish of Bradfield co. York.

² Written here and below 'Boisdl' with a stroke through the upper part of the *l*. Helte, Heltus, or Heude (see page 43 below) de Boisdele, Boidele, Boidela is mentioned in connexion with lands in Lincolnshire in 1169-70, 1170-1, 1174-7, 1175-6 and 1176-7 (Pipe Rolls of the 16, 17, 21, 22 and 23 Henry II.). His surname is derived from a wood on the river Elle in Normandy, in the department of La Manche, recorded in the two hamlets of Bois d'Elle, in the canton of St. Clair, arrondissement of St. Lô, in the communes of Cerisy-la-Forêt and Saint Georges d'Elle respectively.

³ The words *et de* are written twice in the original.

⁴ Haugham, co. Lincoln.

⁵ Beckering, parish of Holton, co. Lincoln.

⁶ William Pietas (Old French *Pité*) and Roger, his brother (the Roger Pité of this deed), witnessed a deed of William de Heriz, brother of Robert de Heriz, executed during the shrievalty of Robert (son of Randulph), who was sheriff of Notts and Derby from 1166 to 1170 (Thoroton, *Notts*, p. 40a). In 1194-5 William made fine for being in Nottingham Castle [when besieged by King Richard in 1194] (Pipe Roll, 7 Richard I., ro. 2, Notts and Derby). He levied a fine in 1198 concerning lands in Hucknall [Torkard] and Lambcote, co. Notts, to Geoffrey Torcaz and his wife (*Pedes Finium*, Pipe Roll Soc., p. 140; Thoroton, p. 236b). A grant by him of land in Willoughby-on-the-Wolds is noticed by Thoroton, p. 255a.

consensu et voluntate Roberti de Heriz,¹ domini fundi, concessi et dedi et hac mea carta confirmavi Bartholomeo² filio Ulf de Notingeham, pro homagio suo, quatuor bovatas terre in Wilghebi, duas scilicet bovatas, quas Picot tenuit in eadem villa, cum tofto et crofto ad easdem bovatas pertinentibus, et duas bovatas, quas Ricardus Palmarius tenuit ibidem, cum tofto et crofto ad illas pertinentibus: tenendas sibi et heredibus suis in feodo et hereditate de me et heredibus meis libere, honorifice et quiete, plenarie et integre, cum omnibus pertinenciis et libertatibus et aisiamentis suis infra villam et extra, pro una libra cimini annuatim mihi infra octavas Sancti Martini reddenda pro omni servicio, quod ad me pertinet. Ego vero et heredes mei adquietabimus predictas bovatas terre de firma, que pertinet ad Castellum de Tikehul,³ et ego et heredes mei warantizabimus predictam terram Bartholomeo et heredibus suis. Et pro hac donacione dedit mihi prefatus Bartholomeus sex marcas argenti de *gersum*.

Hujus donacionis sunt hii testes: Philippus de Belmeis; Samson de Stretlega; Rogerus Pite; Ricardus de Wiverton⁴; Bernardus de Stokes; Hugo de Sumervill⁵; Robertus Andegav[ensis]⁶; Willelmus filius Baldewini⁷; Helias de Sancta Maria⁸; Reginaldus⁹ et Germanus, fratres¹⁰ ejus; Adam filius [U]lf; Orm¹¹; Willelmus Malnevu; Simon Aurifaber¹²; Radulfus filius Wlve; Ricardus filius Hersant; Willelmus Winter¹³; Magister Silvester¹⁴; Robertus Folet;

¹ See page 8, note 2, above.

² No doubt the Bartholomew who was overseer with Orm the Reeve of the gaol at Nottingham in 1176-7 (Pipe Roll, 23 Henry II., p. 57).

³ Tickhill Castle, co. York.

⁴ Wiverton (Hall), near Tithby, co. Notts. Richard [de Wiverton] confirmed (in 1179) a grant of his father Richard son of Gervase de Barnes-ton (Thoroton, p. 81a). He died before 1201-2, when Gervase de Wiverton, his son (Pipe Roll, 11 John, ro. 10), answered for scutage of his fees (Pipe Roll, 4 John, ro. 4).

⁵ See Thoroton, p. 43a.

⁶ See Thoroton, pp. 437, 255a.

⁷ William son of Baldwin was a supervisor of works at Nottingham castle in 1193-4 (Pipe Roll, 6 Richard I., ro. 6). In 1200-1 he fined to have a writ (Pipe Roll, 3 John, ro. 8), and became a surety with other men of co. Notts. (*Rotuli de Oblatis*, p. 51).

⁸ Helias de Sancta Maria was one of the surveyors of works upon the King's Hall at Nottingham in 1180-1 and 1181-2 (Pipe Roll, 27 Henry II., ro. 1d., 28 Henry II., ro. 2), and, under the name of Helias the Parson, in 1183-4, 1184-5, 1185-6, 1186-7, (Pipe Roll, 30 Henry II., ro. 7; 31 Henry II., ro. 8; 32 Henry II., ro. 8; 33 Henry II., ro. 12), and 1193-4 (6 Richard I., ro. 6).

⁹ Reginald de Sancta Maria was one of the supervisors of works at Nottingham and Clipstone in 1178-9 (Pipe Roll, 25 Henry II., ro. 7d.), and at Nottingham Castle in 1185-6, when he is described as Reginald, brother of Helias [the Parson] (Pipe Roll, 32 Henry II., ro. 8).

¹⁰ *fratribus*, MS.

¹¹ Orm the Baker, probably the Orm the Reeve of note 2 above, was one of the surveyors of works at Nottingham gaol in 1180-1 (Pipe Roll, 27 Henry II., ro. 1d.).

¹² He made fine with other Nottingham men in 1200 (*Rotuli de Oblatis*, p. 75).

¹³ William de Winter was one of the supervisor of works at Nottingham gaol in 1180-1 and 1185-6 (Pipe Roll, 27 Henry II., ro. 1d.; 32 Henry II., ro. 8).

¹⁴ Probably the Master Silvester of Nottingham who witnesses a deed of about this date in Thoroton, *Notts*, p. 265a, and another one at p. 41, below.

Petrus le Bel¹; Anketil filius Anketi (*sic*); Ricardus filius Radulfi; Gervasius filius Herberti; Willelmus Ernwi; Willelmus filius Tedric²; Thomas de Graham²; et multi alii.

Seal in green wax, with a large bird, and inscription:
+ SIGILL . . . WILLEMI PITE.

[c. 1180]—Grant by Godfrey son of the Lady Ingrid de Hurnlee [Hurley, parish of Kingsbury, co. Warwick] to John de Bracebrugge of land in Hurnlee. Of this charter there are two exemplars written in the same hand (as to which see charter of John de Bracebrugge to Godfrey son of Esegar (p. 14, above), which are here distinguished as A and B. Words, etc., from the latter are given in the text within round brackets, and the variant readings are given at the foot of the page.

Sciant presentes et futuri, quod ego Godefridus filius (domine) Ingrid de Hurnl(ee) dedi, concessi, et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi³ Johanni de Bracebrugg(e) et heredibus suis duas culturas domini mei in Hurnl(ee); scilicet, Gunnildecrouft, que jacet inter terram Thome de Basterlee⁴ et terram Galfridi Hulfkettel in latitudine, et que extendit (in longitudine) a terra Thome de Hodhurst⁵ usque ad viam, que descendit apud Basterlee a domo predicti G. Hulfkettel; et curtura,⁶ que jacet inter ortum Petri Fabri et pomerium, quod fuit G. Hulfkettel⁷ in latitudine, et que extendit in longitudine a domo G. Hulfkettel⁷ usque ad regiam stratam⁸ ante domum predicti G. filii Ingrid: et quietas clamavi a me et heredibus meis ipsi et heredibus (suis) imperpetuum. Ego vero warrantizabo has prefatas culturas contra omnes gentes.⁹ Pro hac autem donatione et quieta clamatione dedit michi prefatus J. de Bracebr[ugg⁷] duas marcas argenti. Et ut ista donatio et quieta clamatio futuris temporibus robur firmitatis obtineat, eam sigilli mei appositione dignum duxi corroborandum.

Hiis testibus: Thoma de Estlee¹⁰; Waltero filio ejus¹⁰; Johanne Basset; Hugone de Esbroc¹¹; Willelmo Basset¹⁰; Willelmo de Bracebr[ugg⁷]; Roberto de Bracebr[ugg⁷]; Simone Basset¹⁰; Thoma fratre suo¹⁰; Hanr[ico] de Lilleburn¹²; Seher de Stokes; Adam de Brocg(reve); Waltero Fundu; Serlone de Witint[un]; Roberto filio Simonis; Roberto de Cliue¹⁰; Roberto de Plumt(un); Simone de Brockel[ee]¹³; Roberto Brun¹⁰; Roberto Walensi¹⁰; et multis aliis.

Seal of A missing; that of B, which is in white wax, bears a fleur-de-lys. The inscription is illegible.

¹ Peter le Bel was amerced in 1199–1200 (Pipe Roll, 2 John, ro. 1, Notts and Derby.)

² Grantham, co. Lincoln.

³ confirmasse. ⁴ Baisterlee (Baxterley, co. Warwick). ⁵ Odhurst.

⁶ cultura. ⁷ Hulk⁷. ⁸ viam.

⁹ The warranty clause is omitted in B.

¹⁰ Omitted, B.

¹¹ Asbr⁷, B.

¹² Lillebr⁷, A.

¹³ Simone de Blagueuere, B.

[c. 1180]—Confirmation of the preceding grant of two "culture domini patris mei" by William son of Godfrey de Hurnl[ee], in the same handwriting as the preceding and with the same witnesses as A.

Seal missing.

[c. 1180]—Confirmation by Godfrey de Hurnlee to Walter de Ardena of the grant by his mother of land in Hurnlee. This charter is written in the same hand as the two preceding ones.

Omnibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit, Godefridus de Hurnl[ee], salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse Waltero de Ardena concessionem et confirmationem matris mee Yngrid de Hurnlee de dimidia karuata terre in Hurnl[ee], cum omnibus pertinentiis et libertatibus, sicut continetur in carta predictae Yngrid.

Hiis testibus: Waltero Fundu, Serlone de Witintun', Alano de Morkot', Willelmo de Tikebr[oc], Roberto Walensi, Will-elmo de Kullee, Radulfo capellano, et aliis.

Seal in white wax; the device is worn off.

[c. 1180]—Grant by William son of Hugh de Bridessale [Birdsall, co. York] to the convent of Watton [co. York] of land in Birdsall.

¹Omnibus Sancte Matris Ecclesie filiis presentibus et futuris, Willelmus filius Hugonis de Bridssale,² salutem.

Sciatis me dedisse et hac carta mea confirmasse, consensu et assensu Juliane, sponse mee, et Willelmi, heredis mei, et aliorum heredum meorum, Deo et Beate Marie et conventui de Wattun, in liberam et quietam et perpetuam elemosinam, duas bovatas terre in territorio de Bridessale sine tofto, cum pastura et omnibus pertinentiis, illas videlicet bovatas, que sunt de feudo Herberti filii Herberti, et jacent propinquiores terre eorum, quam habent de feudo Patricii de Ridale³; faciendi michi vel heredibus meis liberum forinsecum servitium tantummodo quantum pertinet ad terram illam, cum acciderit, de feudo unde sex carrucate terre faciunt servitium unius militis. Et ego et heredes mei warrantizabimus hanc predictam terram prefato conventui contra omnes homines per predictum servitium de omnibus rebus in perpetuum.

His testibus: Rogero de Bavent⁴; Waltero de Bovintun⁵;

¹ There are two exemplars, which we distinguish as A and B, written in the same hand. They are preserved in the Birdsall chest (see page 2, note 8, above).

² *Bridessale*, B.

³ See the charters at pp. 1, 3, above. Patrick de Ridale is mentioned under co. York in 1175-6 and 1176-7 (Pipe Rolls, 22 Henry II., p. 108, 23 Hen. II., p. 73). Cf. Rievaulx Chartulary, p. 289.

⁴ Under-Sheriff of York from 1193-1194 to 1197-8, guardian of the archbishopric of York in 1199 (Hoveden, iv., p. 92). He witnesses a charter of the time of Henry II. (Rievaulx Chartulary, p. 40; cf. *ibid.* pp. 87, 101).

⁵ Boynton, co. York. He occurs in the Guisbrough Chartulary in 1197, p. 234, etc., and as a surety in 1200 (*Rot. de Oblatis*, pp. 106, 107, 109). See also *Chronica de Melsa*, Rolls Series, i., p. 222.

Gileberto de Bridessale¹; Waltero de Grimest[un]²; Willelmo de Berevilla³; Ricardo de Helperthorp⁴; Radulfo Wacelin; Roberto de Helperthorp; Thoma filio Joleni; Godefrido Talun; Willelmo de Thorgrimthorp⁵; Paulino de Bozhale.⁶

Seal with armed figure on horseback. Inscription: + SIGILLVM WILLELMI DE BRIDESAL.

[1180-1183]—⁷ Charter of King Henry II. confirming, at the request of William de Tankarvilla, the Chamberlain, to William de Mara and Lecia (Lettice), his wife, land in Estedam [Ashtead, co. Surrey] and in Mucheham [Mitcham, co. Surrey], and in Herlavestona [Harlaxton, co. Lincoln] and Londenetorp [Londonthorpe, co. Lincoln] in [the soke of] Graham [Grantham, co. Lincoln].

H[enricus], Dei gratia, Rex Angl[orum] et Dux Norm[annorum] et Aquit[anorum] et Comes And[egavorum], archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, comitibus, baronibus, justiciariis, vicecomitibus, et omnibus baillivis et fidelibus suis, Francis et Angl[is], totius Anglie, salutem.

Sciatis me, ad petitionem Willelmi Camerarii de Tankarvilla, concessisse et presenti carta mea confirmasse Willelmo de Mara et Lecie, uxori sue, Estedam,⁸ quam ipse reddidit eis et concessit, sibi et heredibus suis hereditarie, tenendam in feod[i] firma, de ipso et de heredibus suis, ita libere et honorifice et in pace sicut Laurentius de Sancto Sepulcro eam tenuit de Willelmo Camerario, avo prefati Willelmi Camerarii, et sicut Radulfus filius Roberti et Maria, uxor sua, filia predicti Laurentii, eam melius tenuerunt de patre supradicti Willelmi Camerarii, per servitium vj. librarum singulis annis inde reddendarum, pro omnibus servitiis, sicut supradicti eam tenuerunt, et secundum quod carta prefati Willelmi Camerarii testatur.

Preterea, ad petitionem ejusdem Camerarii, concedo et confirmo eidem Willelmo de Mara et Lecie, uxori sue, et heredibus suis Mucheham,⁹ quam pater ejusdem Camerarii

¹ Mentioned under Yorkshire in 1175-6, 1176-7 (Pipe Rolls, 22 Henry II., p. 116, 23 Henry II., 76). He witnesses a deed between 1154 and 1181 (Rievaulx Chartulary, p. 139; cf. also *ibid* pp. 50, 110).

² Grimston [North?], co. York. See Rievaulx Chartulary, pp. 34, 74; *Chron. de Melsa*, i., p. 167.

³ William de Berville is returned in 1166 as holding part of a knight's fee (*Red Book*, i., p. 421; *Liber Niger*, p. 312). He (or a descendant of the same name) is similarly returned in 1201-2 (*Red Book*, p. 170). Cf. *Rotuli de Oblatis*, p. 145.

⁴ Helperthorpe, co. York.

⁵ *Torgrimthorp*. B. Thornthorpe, parish of Burythorpe, co. York.

⁶ Bossall, co. York.

⁷ This charter is later than Midsummer, 1180, after which date the king granted to William de Humet his father's office of constable (Eyton, *Court, Household and Itinerary of Henry II.*, p. 233), in which capacity William witnesses this charter. It is earlier than 15 December, 1184, the date of the death of Bartholomew, bishop of Exeter, one of the witnesses. The king was at Caen in June, 1180, probably in the summer of 1181, and at Christmas, 1183 (Eyton, pp. 233, 240, 249).

⁸ Ashtead, co. Surrey.

⁹ Mitcham, co. Surrey.

dedit Radulfo filio Roberti et Marie, uxori sue, pro servitio suo, quam idem Camerarius reddidit eis et concessit, tenendam de eo et de heredibus suis, bene et in pace et libere et honorifice, per illud idem servitium, quod predictus Radulfus inde fecit patri ipsius Camerarii, sicut carta ejus testatur.

Concedo etiam eis et confirmo, ad petitionem ipsius Camerarii, terram suam de Graham, videlicet Herlauestonam et Londenetorp,¹ quam idem Camerarius eis reddidit sicut rectam hereditatem eorum et concessit eis et heredibus suis, libere et quiete tenendam de ipso et de heredibus suis, sicut Laurentius de Sancto Sepulero et Radulfus filius Roberti et Maria, uxor sua, filia predicti Laurentii, eam tenuerunt, per illud idem servitium faciendum, quod fecerunt predicti antecessoribus Camerarii, sicut idem Camerarius carta sua eis confirmavit.

Quare volo et firmiter precipio, quod Willelmus de Mara et Lecia, uxor sua, et heredes sui omnia predicta habeant et teneant de suprascripto Willelmo Camerario et de heredibus suis, bene et in pace, libere et quiete, integre et plenarie et honorifice, cum omnibus pertinentiis et libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus suis, sicut sepedictus Camerarius eis concessit et carta sua confirmavit.

Testibus: G. Eliensi, B. Exoniensi, Henrico Baioc[ensi] Episcopis; Willelmo de Hum[ez], Constabulario; Seher[o] de Quenci; Willelmo filio Radulfi; Ricardo Giff[ard]; Gilleberto Pipard. Apud Cadomum.

Fine impression of great seal.

[1184–1204]—Grant by Waleran, Earl of Warwick, to Alfred the Carpenter and Gamel Blund of Witsahe [Wishaw, co. Warwick], of land [in Wishaw?].

Waleranus,² Comes War[rewick?], omnibus hominibus suis et amicis, tam futuris quam presentibus, salutem.

Notum sit vobis omnibus me concessisse et dedisse et hac mea presenti cartha (*sic*) confirmasse Alvredo carpentario de Witsahe et Gamel Blundo de Witsahe, et heredibus eorum, tres acras terre et dimidiam juxta terram Osberti de Moxhul³ et terram Galfridi filii Radulfi: habendas et tenendas de me et de heredibus meis ipsi et heredes eorum bene, in pace, libere, quiete ab omni servicio mihi et heredibus meis pertinente; reddendo inde annuatim mihi et heredibus meis septem denarios ad duos terminos per annum, scilicet ad festum Sancti Michaelis iij. denarios et obolum et ad festum Sancte Marie iij. denarios et obolum. Et pro hac concessione et donacione dederunt mihi predicti homines Alvredus

¹ Harlaxton and Londonthorpe, in the soke of Grantham, here called *Graham* (a common Anglo-Norman form of the name), co. Lincoln.

² His brother and predecessor, William, died in the Holy Land in 1184 (Benedict Abbas, i., p. 320; Roger of Hoveden, ii., p. 289) on 15 November, according to John Rous (Dugdale, *Baronage*, i., p. 71a). Waleran died before 12 January, 1205 (*Rot. Litt. Patent.*, p. 48a).

³ Moxhall, parish of Wishaw, co. Warwick.

et Gamel quatuor marcas argenti in recognicione et Alicie Comitisse dimidiam¹ marcam.

Hiis testibus: Willelmo de Arden', tunc Sen[escallo]; Rogero de Castell[o]; Henrico Reuel; Roberto filio Yvonis; Ham[one] de Wicsah; Raenaldo de Witsah; Radulfo filius ejus; Willelmo de Mum'; Henrico de Munnewrth²; et aliis.

Seal missing.

[c. 1190]—Grant by Roger Pité to Eudo son of William Brito of land in Wilghebi [Willoughby-on-the-Wolds, co. Notts].

Sciant omnes presentes et futuri, quod ego Rogerus Pite concessi et hac mea carta confirmavi Eudoni filio Willelmi Britonis sex bovatas et octo acras terre in Wilghebi, quas Willelmus de Martingni³ dedit prefato Eudoni in liberum maritagium cum Rosa filia ejus: tenendum (*sic*) sibi et heredibus suis in feodo et hereditate de me et heredibus meis libere, honorifice et quiete, plenarie et integre, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis infra villam et extra et in omnibus locis et in omnibus rebus; reddendo inde annuatim infra octabas Sancti Martini unam libram cimini et dimidiam pro omni servicio, quod ad me vel heredes meos pertinet, salvo forinseco servicio et salvo servicio de Tikehil xviiij. den[ariorum] per annum, scilicet ad festum Sancti Michaelis ixd. et ad mediam Quadragesimam ixd.

Hiis testibus: Magistro Lisiardo⁴; Ivo[ne] Sacerdote; Roberto Angeuin; Nicholao filio ejus⁵; Simone de Aselacton⁶; Willelmo de Folevill'; Ricardo de Colevill'; Willelmo de la Valeie; Galfrido de Heriz; Adam de Uffeton⁷; Willelmo filio Baudewini; Gervasio filio Herberti; Reginaldo Britone; et multis aliis.

Seal in green wax, bearing a peacock (?). Inscription: + SIGILLVM ROGERI.

[c. 1190]—Sale by Bartholomew son of Bartholomew de

¹ *dimim.*, MS.

² Minworth, parish of Curdworth, co. Warwick.

³ See the confirmation to him at page 33 below.

⁴ This is, no doubt, the Lisiardus the Canon mentioned in the Notts and Derby Pipe Roll, 3 John (*Rotulus Cancellarii*, 3 John, p. 321). "Magister Lisiardus," a canon of York, witnesses a charter of the prior and convent of Hexham between 1189 and 1194 (*Memorials of Hexham*, ii., p. 88, Surtees Soc.), and a deed of the prior and convent of Guisborough between 1191 and 1207 and another one in company with Simon [de Apulia], dean of York from 1194 (Raine, *Historians of York*, iii., p. 92, Rolls Series) to 1214, when Simon was consecrated bishop of Exeter (*Guisbrough Chartulary*, ii., pp. 56, 126, Surtees Soc.).

⁵ Nicholas Langewin (*i.e.*, l'Angevin) was fined with other Notts men in 1200 (*Rot. de Oblatis*, p. 75).

⁶ Aslocton, co. Notts.

⁷ Adam de Uffet[on] witnesses a charter of William I., earl of Ferrers, 1163–1173 (*Rutland MSS.*, iv., p. 32; cf. charter 2 [A] on that page for date). From the charters there given at pp. 35–8, 54, it is obvious that this Uffeton is the Uffentune, co. Derby, of the Domesday Survey, i., p. 277, col. 2, a berewick of Crich, recorded in Ufton Fields, in the parish of South Wingfield. Adam de Uffeton is mentioned as a security in 1198–9 under Notts and Derby (Pipe Roll, 1 John, ro. 15).

Notingham to Godfrey Mauduit of land in Wilghebi [Willoughby-on-the-Wolds, co. Notts.]

Sciant omnes presentes et futuri, quod ego Bartholomeus filius Bartholomei¹ de Notingham vendidi et quietum clamavi Godefrido Mauduit et heredibus suis de me et heredibus meis in perpetuum quatuor bovatas terre in Wilghebi, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, quas pater meus tenuit ibidem de Willelmo Pite, et ego post illum, pro sex marcis argenti et dimidiam, quas Godefridus mihi dedit.

His testibus: Roberto de Heriz; Ivone, filio ejus; Willelmo Pite; Rogero, fratre ejus; Willelmo Britone; Galfrido filio Odonis; Rogero Andegav[ensi]; Willelmo de Leca²; Willelmo filio Baldewini; Adam filio Ulf; Helia de Sancta Maria; Reginaldo et Germano, fratribus ejus; Magistro Silvestro; Johanne filio Walkel[ini]; Ambrosio; Aki de Notingham; Osberto de Wileford³; Ricardo Luterel; Galf[rido] fratre ejus⁴; et multis aliis.

Small oval seal in green wax, inscribed: SIGILLVM

[c. 1190]—Confirmation by William Pité of the preceding sale.

Sciant presentes et futuri, quod ego Willelmus Pite concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Codefrido Maldut quatuor bovatas terre in territorio de Wileby, cum duobus toftis et croftis et cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, pro hummagio et servicio suo, scilicet illas quatuor bovatas, quas Bartholomeus filius Bartholomei de Notingham de me tenuit, et quas predictus Codefridus emit de predicto Bartholomeo. Quare volo, quod predictus Codefridus et heredes sui post ipsum habeant et teneant predictas quatuor bovatas, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, de me et heredibus meis jure hereditario, libere et quiete, honorifice et pacifice, infra villam et extra, et in omnibus locis; reddendo inde mihi annuatim unam libram cumini infra octabas Sancti Martini pro omni servicio ad me vel ad heredes meos pertinente, salvo forinseco servicio. Et ego Willelmus Pite et

¹ See above, p. 19, for grant of this land to Bartholomew's father.

² Leake, co. Notts. William de Leche is mentioned as a surety in the Notts and Derby Pipe Rolls for 1184-5 (31 Henry II., ro. 8). He was deputy-sheriff for these counties in 1200-1201, 1201-2, and 1203-4. In 1218-19 John son of William de Lech answered in cos. Notts and Derby for a fine for the trespass charged against his father for his autumn justiciary when the king was in Ireland, and for his father's debts, and for concealment of the king's money (Pipe Roll, 3 Henry III., ro. 8; Madox, *Hist. of the Exchequer*, i., p. 500, note C).

³ Wilford, co. Notts.

⁴ Geoffrey Luterel witnessed the charter of John, earl of Mortain, to the burgesses of Nottingham in or shortly after 1189 (*Records of the Borough of Nottingham*, i., p. 10) and he is mentioned under cos. Notts and Derby in 1188-9 (Pipe Roll, 1 Richards I., p. 158). His lands were taken into the king's hands in 1194 for adhering to John in his rebellion (Pipe Roll, 6 Richard I., ro. 6; 7 Ric. I., ro. 2; cf. 1 John, ro. 15). He died before 5 March, 1218, when John granted to Philip Marc that he might have Geoffrey's son and heir to marry to his daughter (*Rot. Litterarum Clausarum*, i., p. 353a; cf. *Excerpta e Rotulis Finium*, i., p. 9). See further Dugdale, *Baronage*, i., p. 724b; Thoroton, *Notts*, p. 62b.

heredes mei post me adquietabimus predictum Codefridum et heredes suos de omni servicio unde predictae quatuor bovate debent respondere ad Honorem de Tikehill', et ego et heredes mei debemus warantizare sepedicto Codefrido et heredibus suis predictas quatuor bovatas, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, contra omnes homines. Et ut hec concessio rata et inconcussa permaneat, illam sigillo meo corroboravi.

His testibus: Roberto de Heriz; Caufrido de Jorz¹; Radulfo filio Ricardi; Henrico de Siccavilla; Willelmo de Rotomago; Willelmo de Leke; Caufrido Luterel; Willelmo le Bruton; Roberto le Angevin; Rogerio Pite; Humfrido le Porter; Roberto filio Hu[gonis] de Titheby²; Caufrido filio Hodonis; Ricardo et Eustachio, clericis; et [multis alijs].

Torn at end. Seal missing.

[c. 1190]—Grant by Godfrey Mauduit to Maud, daughter of Gervase, the parson of Clifton, of the land confirmed to him by the preceding.

Sciant omnes tam presentes quam futuri, quod ego Godefridus Mauduit dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Matildi de Cliftun,³ filie Gervasii, persone de Cliftun, pro servitio suo, dimidiam carucatum terre, quam teneo de Willelmo Pite in Wilgebi, quam emi de Bartholomeo filio Bartholomei de Notingham, per tale servicium quale teneo terram predictam de domino meo, scilicet, pro j. libra cimini pro omnibus serviciis. Et cum illa terra ego Godefridus dedi prefate Matildi dimidiam marcam redditus, quam emi a Ricardo Magistro de Langare,⁴ quam Willelmus filius Hugonis de me tenet, pro j. libra cimini pro omnibus servitiis, salvo forinseco servitio. Et preter hec, ego Godefridus dedi Matildi predictae ij. solidos redditus in Hustorp,⁵ quos Robertus de Chniwetun⁶ mihi debet; et in villa de Notingham j. toftum, quod fuit Ricardi de Stantun, et j. toftum, quod fuit Ivonis Sarezini. Has vero terras illi dedi liberas et quietas, tenendas de me et de heredibus meis illi et heredibus suis, per idem servicium quale facio dominis meis, prout carte mee testificantur.

¹ Geoffrey de Jorz, Georz, whose surname (derived from Jort, in Normandy, in the canton of Morteaux-Coulibœuf, arrondissement of Falaise, department of La Manche) is recorded in Burton *Joyce*, formerly Jorz, co. Notts, witnessed a deed executed at Nottingham in 1175 (Rievaulx Chartulary, p. 82). He was amerced in Notts in 1187-8 and 1188-89 (Pipe Rolls, 34 Henry II., ro. 14d; 1 Richard I., p. 158), and he witnessed the charter of John, earl of Mortain, to the burgesses of Nottingham (*Records of the Borough of Nottingham*, i., p. 10), which was probably made in 1189. He made fine in 1207 for offences in regard to the forest in Notts, which was in his custody (*Rot. de Finibus*, p. 396; Pipe Roll, 9 John, ro. 11). In 1208-9 Agnes, his widow, made fine to have the wardship of his lands and heir (Pipe Roll, 11 John, ro. 10).

² Tithby, co. Notts.

³ Clifton, (on Trent), co. Notts. Gervase the clerk of Clifton made fine in 1185-6 to have Cudale at ferm (Pipe Roll, 32 Henry II., ro. 8, Notts and Derby).

⁴ Langar, co. Notts.

⁵ Owthorpe, co. Notts ?

⁶ Kniveton, co. Notts.

Hiis testibus: Rogero de Cressi¹; Ada de Bertilimunt; Rogero de Hayr; Willelmo de Cressi²; Rogero et Hugone, fratribus suis; Reginaldo de Colewic³; Willelmo de Rudingtun⁴; Ricardo Barjonas⁵; Galfrido de Cliftun; Ada de Nortfolc; Gervasio de Cliftun⁶; Nicholao fratre suo; Ricardo de Colewic; Gerbodo et Willelmo fratribus suis; Henrico Clerico; et multis aliis.

Seal missing.

[c. 1190]—Grant by Simon son of Simon [de Kyme] to Bernard of land in Bileburg (Bilborough, co. Notts).

Symon filius Symonis⁷ omnibus amicis suis et hominibus, salutem. Notum sit vobis me dedisse et presenti carta confirmasse Bernardo et heredibus suis, hereditario tenendum de me et de heredibus meis, duas bovatas terre in Bileburg', que fuerunt Radulfi Veiron, cum omnibus pertinenciis suis, in bosco et plano, et in omnibus rebus; annuatim reddendo pro omni servicio, quod ad me pertinet, duos solidos, ad festum Sancti Martini xijd., ad Pentecosten xijd. Unde volo, quod pro servicio, quod fecit patri meo et pro humagio suo, istam terram teneat, bene et in pace, libere et quiete,

¹ In 1200 Cecily, late the wife of Roger de Cressi, made fine to have dower of his lands in co. Notts (Pipe Roll, 3 John, ro. 8; *Rotuli de Oblatis*, p. 82). Cf. Feet of Fines, co. Notts, file 2, no. 36, A.D. 1204.

² Son of the said Roger. See Thoroton, *Notts*, p. 467b. He answers for scutage under Notts and Derbyshire in 1201-2 and 1202-3 (Pipe Rolls, 4 John, ro. 14; 5 John, ro. 13) and 1213-14 (16 John, ro. 15). See also note 1, below. He was one of the commissioners to take perambulation of the forests in Notts in 1227 (*Rotuli Litterarum Clausarum*, ii., p. 208a).

³ Colwick, co. Notts. Reginald de Colewik, who died in 1252 (*Excerpta e Rotulis Finium*, ii., p. 133), leaving as heir Philip, his son, then aged forty and more (*Calendar of Inquisitions Post Mortem* (1904), i., p. 60, no. 42), was alleged by a jury in 1277-8 to have lived a hundred years (Thoroton, p. 278a). In 1195-6 he made fine for having his land of Colewic and his serjeantry (Pipe Roll, 8 Richard I., ro. 24, and following rolls). In 1201-2 he was fined for narrowing the Trent (Pipe Roll, 4 John, ro. 14). He was one of the knights who perambulated the forests in Notts in 1227 (*Rot. Litt. Claus.*, ii., p. 208a).

⁴ Ruddington, co. Notts.

⁵ This surname seems to represent Barjona (St. Matt. xvi., 17). Richard Barjonas was dead before 1203-4, 5 John (Thoroton, *Notts*, p. 54a).

⁶ In 1200 Cecily, daughter of Gervase de Clifton, was claiming against William Creissi land and dower that he held by courtesy of England (Pipe Roll, 3 John, ro. 8; Madox, *Hist. of Exchequer*, i., p. 428, note 2; *Rotuli de Oblatis*, p. 101). In the same Pipe Roll she also made fine to have dower in the lands of Roger de Cressi, her husband. Gervase de Clifton's name occurs in the Pipe Rolls throughout John's reign. In 1220 the king notified to the sheriff of Nottingham that he had granted to Gervase de Clifton that Gervase, his son, whom Philip de Ulecotes had caused to be arrested for an alleged robbery at London, should be released upon finding sureties (*Rotuli Litterarum Patentium*, p. 440b).

⁷ Simon son of Simon [de Kyme], died before Michaelmas term 1199, when Petronilla, his daughter (*Rot. Curie Regis*, p. 437), late the wife of Stephen de Faukenberg, released to Walter de Riebof (see below, p. 39) and his wife (her sister) all the land that belonged to Simon son of Simon in cos. Notts and Derby (Id. ii. pp. 68-9); Thoroton, pp. 231b, 448b). The lands included a sixth of a knight's fee in Bilborough (*Rot. de Oblatis*, p. 7). In the reign of John, Simon de Kyme produced a charter of Henry II. confirming to his grandfather Simon son of William all the lands that he held in chief in Bileburch (Thoroton, *Notts*, p. 232b).

et ita plenarie, ut predictus Radulfus illam tenuit pro predicto servitio.

His testibus: Philippo de Kym¹; Rogero de Benigwrd¹; Thoma filio Willelmi; Stephano Camerario²; Samsone de Streleia; Eustachio de Brogcholvestowe³; Rogero de Stretleia; Gocelino de Punz; Ricardo de Gaitona⁴; Alberto molinario; Roberto de Marisco; Vin[centio] de Suabi.⁵

Seal in green wax, bearing triangular shield (?). Inscribed: + S. WALTERI [DE R]IBYPH.

[c. 1190]—Grant by Richard Pité to Ralph de Kettlebi of land in Whilebi [Willoughby on-the-Wolds, co. Notts], to be held of the church of that village.

Omnibus Sancte Matris Ecclesie filiis Ricardus Piete, salutem.

Sciatis me dedisse et hac mea carta confirmasse Radulfo de Kettleb[i]⁶ et heredibus suis duas acras terre in campo orientali de Whileb[i], apud Grenehou iij. selliones, ad capud Stodfolddale ij. selliones, de subtus⁷ Stodfolddale iij. or sel[liones], illi scilicet et heredibus suis tenendas hereditarie, libere, et quiete de Deo et Sancta Maria et de ecclesia Omnium Sanctorum de Whileb[i]; reddendo annuatim pro omnibus secularibus serviciis et exacionibus unum denarium ad lumen prenominate ecclesie, et alterum denarium ad Fra[t]riam Sancte Domus Hospitalis Jerusalem,⁸ pro salute mea et heredum meorum. Et ego et heredes mei warrantizabimus predictas duas acras terre predicto Radulfo et heredibus suis contra omnes homines.

Hiis testibus: Magistro Alano de Bollishovre⁹; Rogero, capellano de Whileb[i]; Willelmo Piete; Galfrido filio Hode; Iwehein le Bret(un)⁹; Helya de Marteni; Rogero clerico; et multis aliis.

Seal missing.

¹ Benniworth, co. Lincoln.

² Stephen the Chamberlain is mentioned in connexion with lands in Lincolnshire from 1165-6 to 1176-7 (Pipe Rolls 12th to 23rd Henry II.). In 1166 he is returned as holding knights' fees in eos. Lincoln and York (*Red Book*, i., pp. 385, 425; *Liber Niger*, pp. 273, 316). He renders scutage in Lincolnshire in 1189-90 (*Red Book*, i., p. 76).

³ Broxtow. See page 11, note 10, above.

⁴ Gayton, co. Lincoln.

⁵ Swaby, co. Lincoln.

⁶ Abkettleby, co. Leicester.

⁷ *suptus* MS.

⁸ Thoroton, p. 34b, cites a confirmation 'ex chart. Fran. Willughby, Ar.' (i.e., Francis, the naturalist) by Robert de Heritz of a grant by Richard son of Gervase of lands in Willoughby to the Knight Hospitallers. This charter has not been met with during the inspection of the existing collection of MSS.

⁹ In 1199-1200 Master Alan de Bolesovres [Bolsover, co. Derby] paid 30 marks for confirmation of charters (Pipe Roll, 2 John, ro. 1). In the following year he received, as Master Alan de Bulesovres, grant of land (*terre date*) of the yearly value of 75s. 3d. in the soke of Oswaldesbeck [Oswardbeck, co. Notts], an entry continued yearly until 1218-19 (Pipe Roll, 3 Henry III., ro. 8). His name occurs several times in the Pipe Rolls for 1203-4, 1206-7, 1208-9, and 1209-10 in connexion with scutages, etc., under eos. Notts and Derby. He was the brother and heir of Henry Norreis (Thoroton, *Notts*, p. 406b).

[c. 1190]—Grant by Geoffrey Malreward to William de Petra of land in Winterborne [Winterborne Maureward, now Winterborne Zelston, *alias* Marwood, co. Dorset¹].

Sciant presentes et futuri, quod ego Galfridus Malreward² dedi et concessi Willelmo de Petra totam illam terram, quam Duning tenuit de me, in manerio meo de Winterborn, pro servicio et homagio suo. Preterea concessi ei lx. oves cum meis ovibus, et iiii. boves cum meis bobus, et iii. vaccas et v. porcos cum meis vaccis et porcis, et i. equum in pastura, illi et heredibus suis tenendam de me et heredibus meis, libere et quiete ab omni servicio preter a regali; reddendo singulis annis ii. solidos, ad Natale xiid. et ad Nativitatem Sancti Johannis Baptiste xiid. Ut hec donacio stabilis et firma permaneat, eam sigillo meo confirmavi.

Hiis testibus: Willelmo archidiacono,³ Waltero capellano archid[iaconi], Simone de Mariscis, Waltero de Sancto Quintino, Andrea de Winterborn', Willelmo de Kersington', Willelmo filio Acelini, Roberto de Cirecestria, Waltero Drakegild, et multis aliis.

Seal missing.

[c. 1190]—Grant by William de Reigate, chaplain, to the house of St. Leonard, Wilchswede [Wilkswode, parish of Langton Matravers, co. Dorset] of land in Werthe [Worth Matravers, Isle of Purbeck, co. Dorset], part of which adjoins the marble quarry.

Sciant presentes et futuri, quod ego Willelmus de Reigate, capellanus, dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi, pro salute anime mee et animabus omnium benefactorum meorum, Domui Beati Leonardi de Wilchswede⁴ et fratribus, qui ibidem in perpetuum Deo deservire debent, in puram et perpetuam elemosinam, totam illam terram, quam emi de Waltero filio Ricardi de Bayville, quam habeo in campis de Werþe, et unam acram terre juxta terram Ricardi Canceville versus orientem, que se extendit super quareriam marmoris, et pasturam sexaginta bidentum cum una affra ubique in pastura mea dominica et etiam in communi, cum libero ingressu et egressu: habendam et tenendam in perpetuum libere et quiete et pacifice, secundum quod carta inter Walterum de Bayville et me facta testatur; red[d]endo inde annuatim dicto Waltero et heredibus suis unam libram piperis ad festum Sancti Michahelis pro omni servicio seculari, exactione et demanda, salvo⁵ servicio Domini Regis quantum pertinet tante terre in eodem feudo. Ut autem

¹ See Hutchins, *Dorset*, i., p. 336.

² Mentioned in 1175-6 and 1176-7 (Pipe Rolls, 22 and 23 Henry II.) under Dorset.

³ Occurs in 1190 (Le Neve, *Fasti*, ii., p. 637).

⁴ The free-chapel, chantry, or priory of Wilkswode, in Langton Wallis, parish of Langton Matravers, co. Dorset. The present deed was, no doubt, one of the muniments of the chapel delivered by the warden in 3 Henry V. to William Filiol. See Hutchins *Dorset*, ed. 3., i., p. 641; iii., p. 729.

⁵ *Salvo* MS.

hec mea donacio et concessio rata sit et stabilis, presentem cartam sigilli mei appositione roboravi.

Hiis testibus: Domino Ricardo de Seles, [Domino] Willelmo de Wodegete,¹ militibus; Willelmo de Linchln'; Ricardo, fratre suo; Henrico, rectore ecclesie de Acford Alfredi²; et multis aliis.

Seal missing.

[c. 1190]—Grant by Avicia de Blokeswrthe to Hugh de Blokeswrthe of land in Blokeswrthe [Bloxworth, co. Dorset] (left margin partly gnawed away).

[Sciant] omnes tam presentes quam futuri, quod ego Avicia³ de Blokeswrþe, filia Henrici filii Lud, assensu et [consensu] her[edum] meorum, dedi et concessi Hugoni de Blokeswrþe et heredibus suis, pro servitio et humagio suo et humagio [heredum] suorum], unam dimidiam virgatam terre in Blokeswrþe, cum quodam mesuagio quod Wlvricus Markere tenuit, et cum et prati, quod jacet juxta pratum ejusdem Hugonis in prato de Frome, videlicet octo acras in campo occidentali [et octo in campo orientali: in campo occidentali has, sub curtullo Hamelini unam acram, super Canceliereshulle unam [acram, super Sco]rtelande duas acras cum pertinentiis, in Voxleagete unam dimidiam acram, *Bieste pere dune*⁴ unam dimidiam acram, *lange hielue*, *Binorþe* Waterlea unam acram, que terminatur super Dreuam, *Binorþe* Weterlea unam acram, que super montes, in Blakefurlang' unam acram: in campo orientali has: in loco, qui appellatur 'Wrþe,' unam acram e Eldmannabotme unam acram, versus *sut*⁵ de Waterlea ex transverso vall[is] duas acras. Item versus *sut* sub Wa[terlea?] tres acras super Riedhull'. Item super Weodhulle unam acram. Hanc predictam terram et hoc tenementum cum omnibus perti[nentiis] suis] tenebit prefatus Hugo et heredes sui de me et heredibus meis jure hereditario, libere et quiete ab omnibus servitiis, is et consuetudinibus, salvo regali servitio; reddendo inde annuatim duos solidos ad iij^{or} terminos anni, scilicet ad [Nativita]tem Domini sex denarios, ad Pascha vjd. ad festum Sancti Johannis Baptiste vjd. ad festum Sancti Michaelis vjd. [Pro hac don]atione habenda et tenenda, dedit predictus Hugo mihi tres marcas argenti et dimidiam et filio meo duos donationem firmiter et sine fraude tenendam affidavi; et si predictam terram prefato Hugoni vel heredibus [suis] warantizare non possem, aliam dimidiam virgatam terre eque bonam in eadem villa et eodem feudo secundum . . . vicinorum eis dabo in escambiam.

¹ See below, page 54, note 2.

² Okeford Fitzpain, co. Dorset (Hutchins, iv., p. 327).

³ An Avicia de Dun was the demandant in a fine levied in 1201 concerning common of pasture in Bloxworth (*Fines, sive Pedes Finium*, ii., 79).

⁴ That is 'to the east of the down.'

⁵ 'South.'

Et ut hec mea donatio in posterum rata et inconcussa permaneat, hanc [cartam testim]onii sigilli mei appositione dignum duxi roborandam.

His testibus: Henrico de Stokes¹; Radulfo Huese . . . [Win]terburn' et Waltero et Roberto filiis ejus; Roberto filio Thome, et Thoma et Ricardo filiis ejus; Thoma filio Thome . . . Philippo filio ejus; Waltero Camerario²; Willelmo de Jergente³; Roberto Bukerel; Adam Freinel; et multis aliis.

Seal missing.

[c. 1190]—Grant by William Francais to John de Alnetho of land in Staintun [Stainton-le-Vale, co. Lincoln].

Sciunt presentes et futuri quod ego Willelmus Francais⁴ dedi et concessi et presenti carta mea confirmavi Johanni de Alnetho unam mansuram et unam bovatom terre in Staintun, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, sibi et heredibus suis: tenendum de me et de heredibus meis in feodo et hereditate; reddendo mihi et heredibus meis annuatim unam libram piperis infra octabas Sancti Botulphi pro omnibus serviciis mihi pertinentibus et faciendo foraneum servitium. Ego vero et heredes mei warantizabimus predicto Johanni et heredibus suis predictam ter[ra]m contra omnes homines pro xlv. solidos, quos predictus Johannes mihi inde dedit.

His testibus: Osb[erto] Luvell; Willelmo Halselin⁵; Henrico filio Nigelli; Petro de Castellun; Gilleberto de Turonia; Roberto de Baioc[is]; Roberto Wacelin; Roberto de Otebi⁶; Hugone de Grainesbi⁷; Radulfo de Crochesbi⁸; R[oberto ?] Becket; Willelmo Berner; Jurdano de Otebi; Matheo de Turgrimbi⁹; Thoma fratre suo; Adam Percehaie; Radulfo . . . selin¹⁰; Radulfo de Urticis; Willelmo filio Galfridi; et multis aliis.

Seal in white wax inscribed: SIGILLVM WILELMI LE FRAN(?)CS.

[c. 1190]—Confirmation by Robert de Heriz to William de Martigni of Roger Pité's grant, and grant of service in Wilghebi [Willoughby-on-the-Wolds, co. Notts.].

¹ Henry de Stokes received confirmation by the king of certain grants to him from other men of lands in Dorset in 1207 (*Rot. Chart.*, p. 163a). He was acting-sheriff of Dorset in 1198-9 and 1199-1200. See Hutchins, *Dorset*, i., p. 411.

² Probably the Walter the Chamberlain who is mentioned in a Dorset Fine of 1204 (*Fines, sive Pedes Finium*, ii., p. 94).

³ Girgenti?

⁴ William li Francies was one of the force of Hugh, earl of Chester, that surrendered to Henry II. at Dol in 1173 (*Roger of Hoveden*, ii., p. 53). William Francais, a royal officer, occurs in the Pipe Roll for 1179 (*Eyton, Court, etc. of Henry II.*, p. 226), and is probably the person mentioned in a fine of 1180-3 (*Pedes Finium*, Pipe Roll Soc. p. 2). In the Pipe Roll 1 Richard I, p. 104, the sheriff of Northamptonshire answers for lands that had belonged to William le Francais (cf. *Rotuli de Oblatis*, p. 130).

⁵ See *Rutland MSS.*, iv., p. 65.

⁶ Otby, parish of Walesby, co. Lincoln.

⁷ Grainsby, co. Lincoln.

⁸ Croxby, co. Lincoln.

⁹ Thorganby, co. Lincoln.

¹⁰ Halselin? Cf. *Rutland MSS.*, iv., p. 65.

Robertus de Heriz omnibus hominibus et amicis suis, presentibus et futuris, salutem.

Sciatis, me concessisse et hac carta confirmasse Willelmo de Martigni concessionem et donationem,¹ quam Rogerus Pite ei fecit et sigillo suo confirmavit, liberam, solutam et quietam, sicut carta Rogeri de donatione terre in Wilghebi, quam inde habet, testatur. Et preterea concessi et dedi eidem, pro homagio et servicio suo, servicium Ambrosii hominis mei de terra, quam de me tenuit in Wilghebi, salvo servicio de Tikehul', quod Ambrosius inde faciet.

His testibus: Hugone de Lecchelade, Vic'²; Simone filio Ricardi; Sansone de Stretlega; Gaufrido de Jorz; Radulfo de Weldeboef³; Reginaldo de Insula; Randulfo de Wandeslega; Rogero de Aincurt; et multis aliis.

Seal missing.

[c. 1190]—Grant by Gilbert de Houbi [Hoby, co. Leicester] to William Brito of land in Wdehus [? Annesley Woodhouse, co. Notts].

Gillebertus de Houbi omnibus hominibus presentibus et futuris, salutem.

Sciatis me concessisse et dedisse et hac mea carta confirmasse Willelmo⁴ Britoni illas tres bovatas terre in Wdehus, quas disracionavi versus Reginaldum de Anisleia et versus ipsum Willelmum: tenendum sibi et heredibus suis in feodo et hereditate de me et heredibus meis libere, honorifice et quiete, plenarie et integre, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, eisdem divisus et metis sicut peralate⁵ fuerunt per juramentum proborum et legalium hominum, pro xij.^{cim} d. an[n]uatim mihi infra octavas Sancti Martini reddendis pro omni servicio, quod ad me pertinet, salvo forinseco servicio. Et pro hac concessione et donacione, dedit mihi prefatus Willelmus vij.^{tem} marcas argenti et unum equum, precii x^{cem} marcarum, in *gersum*.

¹ Probably the land in Willoughby granted by William de Martigny to Eudo son of William Brito, page 25, above.

² Possibly for 'Vicecomite.' His name does not occur among the sheriffs. At p. 56, below, a deputy-sheriff or sheriff's clerk is described as "Vicecomes."

³ Ralph de Wellebuef is mentioned in 1171-2 (Pipe Roll, 18 Henry II., p. 7) as supervising works at Clipstone, co. Notts, a position filled by Henry de Welle Buef in the roll for the 23rd year, p. 57. Ralph de Wellebuef's name occurs in 1200 among other Notts men making fines with the king (*Rot. de Oblatis*, p. 75). His goods were taken into the hands of Richard among those of other his enemies in co. Notts upon the king's return in 1194 (Pipe Roll, 6 Rich. I., ro. 6; 7 Rich. I., ro. 2; 9 Rich. I., ro. 10; 10 Rich. I., ro. 8). He was a surveyor of works at Horeston Castle (Horsley, co. Derby) in 1199-1200 (Pipe Roll, 2 John, ro. 1). In 1202 he levied a fine to William de Parles concerning land in Erdburg' (Feet of Fines, co. Notts, file 2, no. 17), which seems to be Erdeburg, now Burrongh-on-the-Hill, co. Leicester (Nichols, *Leicestershire*, ii., p. 524), some twelve miles from Willoughby-on-the-Wolds. In 1199-1200 and 1202-3 he was supervisor of works at Harestan castle [in Horsley, co. Derby] (Pipe Rolls, 2 John, ro. 1; 5 John, ro. 13). Oliver de Wellebuef is mentioned in the Pipe Roll 3 John in connexion with lands in Notts (*Rot. Cancellarii*, pp. 306, 317).

⁴ *Wulfo, MS.*

⁵ 'Perambulated,' from Old French *paraller*.

His testibus : Reginaldo de Anisleia, domino fundi ; Samson de Stretlia ; Waltero filio ejus ; Galfrido Barre¹ ; Radulfo de Weldeboef ; Rannulfo de Wandesleia ; Roberto de Stapelford ; Henrico Britone de Hukenhal'² ; Ernaldo Schirmissur ; et pluribus.

Seal inscribed : + SIGILL' GILEBERTI DE HOBI.

[c. 1190]—Confirmation by Godfrey de Wellebef to John de Hemenal' of the grant of his father, Henry de Wellebef, of land in Holou [in Bilborough, co. Notts].

Notum sit omnibus tam presentibus quam futuris, quod ego Godefridus de Wellebef concessi et hac carta mea presenti confirmavi Johanni de Hemenal' donacionem et concessionem et confirmacionem Henrici de Wellebef,³ patris mei, scilicet, de dimidia bovata terre in Holou, et de uno crofto cum tofto, et de una acra prati cum omnibus pertinenciis, sicut carta patris mei testatur. Et ut donacio Henrici de Wellebef, patris mei, rata et inconcussa perseveret in posterum predicto Johanni de Hemenal' et heredibus suis, sigilli mei munimine eam corroboravi.

Hiis testibus : Ricardo de Laxton'⁴ ; Roberto fratre ejus ; Willelmo de Anseleia⁵ ; Galfrido filio Galfridi de Karleton'⁶ ; Willelmo fratre ejus ; Waltero Dispens[atore] ; Willelmo nepote Domini ; Serlone clerico hujus carte compositore ; et multis aliis.

Seal illegible.

[c. 1190]—Grant by Isabel, lady of Gressighehalia [Gressenhall, co. Norfolk] to Roger de Frivilla, her brother, of her holding in Uelingheham [Wellingham, co. Norfolk].

Sciunt presentes et futuri, quod ego Ysabel, Domina de Gressighehalia, dedi et concessi et hac mea carta presenti confirmavi Rogero de Frivilla, fratri meo, et heredibus suis, si eos de uxore sua desponsata habuerit, et non aliis, omne

¹ Geoffrey Barré is returned in 1166 as holding two knights' fees in co. Notts (*Red Book of the Exchequer*, i., p. 344 ; *Liber Niger*, i., p. 226). He was fined for Forest offences in Notts and Derby in 1176-7 (Pipe Roll, 23 Henry II., p. 59).

² In 1202-3 Henry Brito of Hukenhal' fined to have the custody of the land that had belonged to William son of Costus and the marriage of his heirs (Pipe Roll, 5 John, ro. 13).

³ Occurs as Henry Oil de Buef in 1177-8, when he was surveyor of works at Clipstone, co. Notts (Pipe Roll, 24 Henry II., ro. 6d., Notts and Derby), and as Henry de Wellebuef in 1176, when he filled the same office (Pipe Roll, 23 Henry II., ro. 4).

⁴ Laxton, *alias* Lexington, co. Notts. Richard de Leissinton' [= Lexington] had the custody of Leissinton' in 1203-4 (Pipe Roll, 6 John, ro. 13), and is mentioned in 1207-8 in the *Rot. de Finibus*, pp. 392, 437. He was one of the keepers of the Forest in co. Notts, and answered in 1204-5 for the land of Maud de Calz in Lessington (Pipe Roll, 7 John, ro. 19 ; Thoroton, *Notts*, p. 375a). Robert, his son (afterwards a distinguished judge, *Dict. of National Biography*, xxxiii., p. 203) answered for him in 1205-6 (Pipe Roll, 8 John, ro. 13) and in 1206-7 (Thoroton, p. 374a). On 16 January, 1216, Richard made fine with John in a hundred marks and two palfreys to have his peace (*Rotuli de Finibus*, p. 570).

⁵ Annesley, co. Notts.

⁶ Carlton, co. Notts.

tenementum quod teneo in Uelingheham de feudo Micaelis Capre,¹ cum omnibus pertinentiis: tenendum de me et de heredibus meis hereditarie, bene et in pace, honorifice, quiete, et libere ab omnibus consuetudinibus et ex (*sic*) omni seculari exactione; reddendo inde annuatim mihi et heredibus meis v. solidos ad duos terminos, scilicet ad festum Sancti Johannis Baptiste ij. sol. et vjd., et ad festum Sancti Micaelis ij. sol. et vjd. Propter hanc donacionem et concessionem fecit mihi prefatus Rogerus de Frivilla, frater meus, homagium suum.

Hiis testibus: Willelmo filio Comitis Varennie²; Nicolao de Sana; Reginaldo de Bosco; Willelmo, senescallo de Gressighehalia; Willelmo capellano filio Walteri; Willelmo de Taverham³; Augustino de Cogham⁴; Rogero de Frivilla; Waltero de Kevertilla; Rodberto de Verli; Waltero de Hoe⁵; Godfrido de Hirmighelond; Radulfo filio suo; Huberto venatore; Henrico filio W.; Huberto fratre suo; David de Ueligheham; Reginaldo de Alto Bosco⁶; Johanne de Wltertune⁷; Rogero filio Alani de Ueseham⁸; Johanne filio senescalli.

Elliptical seal in red wax, with figure of a woman in centre holding in her left hand a fleur de lys (?). Inscription: + SIGILL' ISA[BEL] DE GRESNALA.

[c. 1190]—Grant by Henry de Monte Forti to Hugh, his brother, of his lands of Pychavilla, Goutevilla, and Clevilla [? Pickwell, co. Leicester].

Henricus de Monte Forti⁹ omnibus hominibus suis et amicis, Francis et Anglicis, clericis et laicis, tam futuris quam presentibus, salutem.

Ad universorum notitiam referatur, me dedisse et concessisse et hac mea presenti carta confirmasse Hugoni de Monte Forti, fratri meo, et heredibus suis totas terras meas de Pychavilla et de Goutevilla et de Clevilla, cum omnibus eisdem terris pertinentiis et libertatibus: ad tenendum hereditarie de me et de heredibus meis; reddendo annuatim mihi et heredibus meis duo calcaria deaurata pro omnibus serviciis mihi et heredibus meis pertinentibus.

Quare volo et firmiter precipio, quatinus predictus Hugo et heredes ejus post illum habeant et teneant totas pre-nominatas terras de me et de heredibus meis libere et quiete

¹ Michael Capra is returned in 1166 as holding knights' fees in co. Essex (*Red Book*, i., p. 347; *Liber Niger*, p. 230).

² On 12 May, 1202, John issued orders for delivery to William, son of Hamelin, earl Warenne, of his father's lands, having taking his homage upon hearing of his father's death (*Rotuli Litterarum Patentium*, p. 106).

³ Taverham, co. Norfolk.

⁴ Congham, co. Norfolk?

⁵ Hoo, co. Norfolk.

⁶ Hautbois, co. Norfolk.

⁷ Wolterton, co. Norfolk.

⁸ Weasenham, co. Norfolk.

⁹ Henry de Monte Forti succeeded before the death of Henry II. in 1189 (*Dugdale, Baronage*, i, p. 407b, quoting Pipe Roll 2 Richard I.). He was a surety to the king in 1207-8 (*Rot. de Finibus*, p. 460). He was dead by 1207-8 (*Dugdale, Baronage*, i, p. 408a).

et honorifice, cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus, in bosco, in plano, in foro et extra, in pratis, in pascuis, in piscariis, in stangnis, in molendinis, in aquis, in viis, in semitis, in exitibus, et in omnibus aliis locis prefatis terris pertinentibus per prefatum servicium.

His testibus: Aytrop Hasteng¹; Willelmo et Waltero de Monte Forti; Ricardo capellano; Willelmo de Hulehale²; Roberto filio Nicholai; Clare de Beldesert³; Willelmo de Rameham⁴; Johanne Brusle; Rand[ulfo] et Reimbaldo, fratre suo; Gileberto de Brahal; Adam filio Lamberti; Roberto filio Henrici; Aytrop de Boilest[un]⁵; Petro clerico, qui hanc cartam scripsit; et aliis multis.

VALETE!

Seal missing.

[1192-8]—Grant by Robert de Sutton to Robert de Leiburn⁶ [Leybourne, co. Kent] of his lands, etc., in Leitun, Camarwelle [? Camberwell, co. Surrey] and his marsh of Scaipaie [Sheppy, co. Kent] in exchange for the land of Bures [Bowers Giffard, co. Essex?].

Sciant presentes et futuri, quod ego Robertus de Suttun' concessi et hac carta mea confirmavi Roberto de Leib[urn] et heredibus suis totam terram meam de Leitun',⁷ cum pertinentiis, et xx. solidos in terra et redditu meo de Redhe,⁸ et totam partem meam de Camarwelle pro v. solidis, et Herwoldilande pro v. solidis, et partem meam maresci mei de Scaipaie, quod vocatur, 'Nesse'; in excambium terre sue de Bures, cum pertinentiis, quam idem Robertus de Leib[urn] concessit mihi et heredibus meis, tenendam de eo et heredibus suis pro quarta parte feodi unius militis, salvo servicio militum ad tenementum illud pertinencium, quod idem Robertus de Leib[urn] in manu sua retinet. Ego vero Robertus de Suttun' et heredes mei warrantizabimus predicto Roberto de Leib[urn] et heredibus suis predictas terras cum predictis redditibus contra omnes homines et feminas. Et ut hec concessio perpetuam obtineat firmitatem, eam sigilli mei munimine et subscriptorum virorum testimonio roboravi.

His testibus: Ræginaldo de Cornhull', tunc Vicecomite⁹; Werresio de Valunn[iis]; Willelmo de Chirintun'; Roberto de Champann[ia]; Guarino filio Fulcher[ii]; Willelmo de Sancto Lupo; Nicholao Walensi; Jacobo Salvage; Hendrico de Chobeh[am]; Henrico de Sornes; Johanne de Silingeholde;

¹ The wife of Aitropus Hasteng made fine with the king in 1205 for having seisin of land in co. Warwick (*Rot. de Pinibus*, p. 258).

² Ullenhall, parish of Wooton Wawen, co. Warwick.

³ Beadesert, co. Warwick, the seat of the Montforts.

⁴ Remenham, co. Berks.

⁵ Boylestone, co. Derby.

⁶ Robert de Leyburn was alive on 28 April, 1197, and dead before Michaelmas, 1198 (Pipe Roll 10 Ric. I, in Dugdale, *Baronage*, ii, p. 13a, *Archæologia Cantiana*, v., pp. 158, 191, note 42).

⁷ Leyton, co. Essex, or Leyton, now Leacon, parish of Westwell, co. Kent?

⁸ Reed, parish of Marden, or Rode, parish of Bridge, co. Kent?

⁹ Reginald de Cornhill was sheriff of Kent from 1192 to 1214.

Godfrido de la Dene ; Ricardo de la Bere ; Waltero fratre ejus ; et multis aliis.

Seal missing.

1199, August 24.—Charter of King John, granting to William de Stutevill a weekly market in Cotingham [Cottingham, co. York].

Johannes, Dei gracia, rex Anglie, dominus Hibernie, dux Normannie, Aquitanie, comes Andegavie, archiepiscopus, episcopis, abbatibus, comitibus, baronibus, vicecomitibus, et omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis, salutem.

Sciatis, nos dedisse et concessisse et hac presenti carta nostra confirmasse dilecto nostro Willelmo de Stutevill' et heredibus suis unum mercatum in villa de Cotingham per unum diem in qualibet septimana, scilicet diem Jovis. Et ideo volumus et firmiter precipimus, quod idem Willelmus et heredes sui post eum habeant et teneant bene et in pace mercatum illud, cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ad hujusmodi mercatum pertinentibus.

Hiis testibus : E. Eliensi episcopo, W. comite Arundell', W. Marescall', comite de Penbroc.

Dat[a] per manum H. Cantuariensis archiepiscopi, cancellarii nostri, apud Rothomagum, xxiiij. die Augusti, regni nostri anno primo.

Portion of great seal in green wax.

Enrolled on Charter Roll, p. 12b.

A transcript in handwriting of John Ray is attached.

[c. 1200]—Grant by Robert de Diva, prior of the Knight Hospitallers in England, to Robert son of Hugh de Blokesworth [Bloxworth, co. Dorset] of a mill in Mordon [Morden, co. Dorset].

Universis Christi fidelibus, ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit, Frater Robertus de Diva,¹ Fratrum Hospitalis Jerusalem humilis prior in Anglia, salutem in Domino.

Noverit universitas vestra, nos, de communi consilio et assensu fratrum capituli nostri, concessisse et hac presenti

¹ According to the Latin list of priors of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England in Newcourt's *Repertorium*, i., p. 669, from which the list in the *Monasticon*, vi., p. 799, is derived, a Ralph de Dyna (*sic*) succeeded Richard de Turk as prior. The latter's predecessor, Garnier de Neapoli, (Nablus in Syria), was, according to this list, prior before 1162, but he first appears in April, 1185, and became Grand Master of the Order in 1190 (see Round, "Garnier de Nablous," in *Archæologia*, lviii., pp. 364-7), when he was succeeded as prior in England by Alan de Sancta Cruce (*Ib.*, p. 388), who was consecrated bishop of Bangor on 16 April, 1195. In the Latin list Ralph de Dyna is made to precede Richard Turk and to succeed Alan, but he seems really to have been prior before Garnier de Nablus (see J. Delaville Le Roulx, *Cartulaire général de l'Ordre des Hospitaliers de S. Jean de Jérusalem*, Paris, 1894 sqq., i., p. 210, no. 28, where Harley Charter 44 H. 53 is assigned to 1160-1180). M. Delaville Le Roulx, i., p. 685, assigns 1200-1204 for the office of Richard Turk (*Tyrcus*), but the earlier date may be taken back to 1195, since the original charter of Prior Alan dated September 1199 (i., p. 681), upon which it is based, contains an error in date, probably for 1190 (Round, p. 388). In September, 1207, Roger de Vere was prior (*Cartulaire général*, ii., p. 74, no. 1269). The Robert de Diva

carta nostra confirmasse Roberto filio Hugonis de Blokeswirth molendinum nostrum de Mordon', quod habemus de dono Willelmi de Clauill',¹ cum pertinenciis suis: tenendum et habendum sibi et heredibus suis; reddendo inde annuatim domui nostre viginti solidos ad quatuor anni terminos, videlicet ad festum Sancti Michaelis qu[i]ncque (*sic*) solidos, et ad Natale Domini quincque solidos, et ad Pascha quincque solidos, et ad festum Sancti Johannis Baptiste quincque solidos, pro omni servicio ad nos inde spectante; ita tamen, quod in obitu suo, similiter et heredum suorum, quadraginta solidi pro tertia parte catallorum suorum domui nostre quieti remanebunt.

Hiis testibus: Fratrem Ricardo de Runfug[ere], Fratrem Willelmo de Haliwell', Fratrem Johanne de Hildesdon', capellanis; Fratrem Radulfo de Crindham, Fratrem Ada de Sancto Laurencio, militibus; Fratrem Rogero de Upton'; Fratrem Willelmo de Camera; Fratrem Gilberto; et aliis.

Seal missing.

[c. 1200]—Grant by William Spicfat of Cattorp [Caythorpe, parish of Lowdham, co. Notts] to John, the Chaplain of Ludham [Lowdham].

Sciant presentes et futuri, quod ego Willelmus Spicfat,² de Cattorp, concessi et dedi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Johanni Capellano de Ludham, pro servicio suo et honore sepius mihi collato, et pro quinque solidis argenti, quos mihi dedit in necessitate mea, unam dimidiam acram prati, que jacet in curto prato inter pratum Henrici de Marcham et pratum Regenaldi, fratris mei, quod de me tenet: habendam et tenendam de me et de heredibus meis sibi et quibuscunque illam assignare voluerit, et assignatis eorum, libere et quiete, solute et hereditarie; reddendo inde annuatim mihi vel heredibus meis unum obolum ad Natale Domini pro omni servicio, exaccione et demanda. Ego vero predictus Willelmus et heredes mei predictam dimidiam acram prati predicto Johanni et assignatis suis in perpetuum contra omnes homines warentizabimus.

of the present charter does not occur in the *Cartulaire*. He is possibly the prior R. of a charter of 18 May, 1204 (Delaville Le Roulx in *Mélanges de archéologie et d'histoire* of the French School at Rome, 1881, p. 375), and is to be identified with Robert the Treasurer, who occurs as prior about 1206 (*Cartulaire*, ii., p. 55, no. 1229; Macray, *Charters of Salisbury*, Rolls Series, p. 71), and executed a charter at Ossington [co. Notts] dated 13 January, 1205 (*Cartulaire général*, ii., p. 57, no. 1233; facsimile in Palaeographical Society's publications, Series II., pl. 117). The latter is witnessed by a "Frater Ric[ardus] de Rotund[o] Fulger[eto]," who is obviously the "Frater Ricardus de Runfug'" of the present charter, whose surname is therefore derived from Ronfeugeray in the department of the Orne (canton of Athis, arrondissement of Domfront).

¹ His widow appears in 1196 as tenant in Morden (*Fines, sive Pedes Finium*, ii., p. 72 = *Fees of Fines*, Pipe Roll Soc., p. 120).

² William Spicfat occurs in the Pipe Rolls for cos. Notts and Derby for 1199-1200 (2 John, ro. 1) and 1200-1 as owing amerancements (*Rot. Cancellarii*, 3 John, p. 314). He is also mentioned in 1218-19, 1219-20, and 1220-1 (Pipe Rolls, 3 Henry III., ro. 8; 4 Henry III., ro. 11; 5 Henry III., ro. 5). The surname is a compound, unrecorded in Old English, of *spic* 'bacon' and *fat* 'fat' (adj.), corresponding exactly to German *speckfett* 'very fat.'

Hiis testibus: Eust[achio] de Ludham, clerico¹; Waltero filio suo; Ricardo filio Willelmi de Birtun²; Gilberto de Ludham, clerico³; Willelmo de Sibetorp⁴; Roberto filio sacerdotis; Roberto de Raveningham; Thoma filio Roberti; Andrea filio Rogeri; Henrico de Marcham⁵; Roberto fratre ejus; Willelmo de Ulvestorp⁶; et multis aliis.

A duplicate of this charter exists, written in the same hand, and with the same witnesses, except Richard son of William de Birtun, Gilbert de Ludham, Robertus filius sacerdotis, Robert, brother of Henry de Marcham, but adding Robert son of Robert (= Robert filius sacerdotis?), Roger de Beufou, Roger son of Robert de Uulvestorp, and Reginald de Cattorp.

Fragment of seal.

[c. 1200]—Grant by Walter de Ribof to Simon son of Bernard de Bileburc of the tenement in Bileburc [Bilborough, co. Notts] that his father held of Simon son of Simon and afterwards of Walter.

Walterus de Ribof⁷ omnibus hominibus presentibus et futuris, salutem.

Noverit universitas vestra, me concessisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse Symoni filio Bernardi de Bileburc totum tenementum quod Bernardus,⁸ pater ejus, tenuit primo de Symone filio Symonis et post de me in Bileburc, cum omnibus pertinenciis suis: tenendum sibi et heredibus suis in feodo et hereditate de me et heredibus meis libere, honorifice et quiete, plenarie, perfecte et integre, cum omnibus pertinenciis suis et aisiamentis suis infra villam et extra, in bosco et plano, in omnibus locis et in omnibus rebus; reddendo inde annuatim duos solidos, scilicet ad Pentecosten xij. denarios et ad festum Sancti Martini xij. denarios pro omni servicio, quod ad me pertinet. Pro hac vero concessione et confirmatione, dedit mihi predictus Symon xxx. solidos argenti de *gersum*.

¹ A fine concerning land in Lamcote (parish of Holme Pierrepont, co. Notts) was levied on 20 November, 1208, between Thomas son of Geoffrey, demandant, and Eustace the clerk of Ludham (Feet of Fines, co. Notts, file 2, no. 43). Eustace de Ludham (Lowdham, co. Notts) was deputy-sheriff for cos. Notts and Derby in 1213-14 (cf. *Testa de Nevill*, p. 19a), and acted as *custos* of Yorkshire in 9 Henry III. (*Calendar of Patent Rolls*, 1216-1225, p. 524) and in 10 Henry III. as a justice of the Forest, etc. In 1206-7 Eustace, parson of Ludenham, made fine for making a ditch like a deerleap at Ludenham (Pipe Roll, 7 John, ro. 7; in Madox, *Hist. of the Exchequer*, i., p. 499, note s.).

² Burton Joyce, co. Notts. The holding of Richard son of William there is recorded in the *Testa de Nevill*, p. 20a.

³ See Thoroton, *Notts*, p. 290a.

⁴ Sibthorpe, co. Notts. William de Sibetorp answered for scutage in 1204-5 (Pipe Roll, 7 John, ro. 19, Notts and Derbyshire). Cf. *Testa de Nevill*, p. 14a.

⁵ Markham, co. Notts.

⁶ Woolsthorpe, parish of Lowdham (Thoroton, *Antiqq. of Notts*, p. 288), now disappeared.

⁷ Walter de Ribof [Rébœuf, near Dieppe, Seine-Inférieure] acquired lands in Bilborough in 1202 (see above, page 18, note 6).

⁸ See the grant to him, p. 28 above.

Hiis testibus: Samsone de Stretle; Willelmo de Leke; Roberto de Boves; Rannulfo de Wandeleia (*sic*); Gilberto de Broculvestoue; Roberto de Passeis¹; Ricardo, clerico Vicecomitis; Roberto Andegavensi; Henrico, clerico de Hukenale; Willelmo filio Coste²; Galfrido Luterel; Willelmo le Corner³; Elya filio Elye; Swano de Derbi et Astino filio ejus; Hugone, persona de Bileburc; Rogero de Sancta Maria; Germano filio Willelmi; Willelmo Baldewini filio; Waltero serviente Walteri de Ribof; et pluribus aliis.

Circular seal inscribed: + SIGILL ER
 IBEVF, bearing a shield with a chevron between two roundels in chief, and, possibly, another charge in the base.

[c. 1200]—Grant by Hugh de Insula to Geoffrey son of Gilbert de Broculvestowe [Broxtowe, co. Notts] of the lands that Geoffrey's father held in Thorp [Algarthorpe, parish of Basford, co. Notts] and in Basford.

Omnibus Sancte Matris Ecclesie filiis, Hugo de Insula,⁴ salutem.

Noverit universitas vestra, me concessisse et presenti carta confirmasse Gaufrido filio Gilberti de Broculvestowe⁵ et heredibus suis omnes terras et omnia tenementa, que pater suus Gilbert tenuit de antecessoribus meis die et anno, quo mortuus fuit, unde habet cartas antecessorum meorum, scilicet, quatuor bovatas terre in territorio de Thorp, inter aquam, que dicitur Liene,⁶ et Beescwde,⁷ cum omnibus per-

¹ Robert de Passeis (Passais, arrond. of Domfront, in the department of the Orne) answers for scutage in cos. Notts and Derby in 1202-3 and 1203-4 (Pipe Rolls, 5 John, ro. 13; 6 John, ro. 13).

² The Costus the Falconer who had a grant of lands worth 100s. yearly in Hucknall (Hochenhala), for which allowance for half a year was made to the sheriff in 1159-60 (Pipe Roll, 6 Henry II., p. 43) and for the whole year in the following roll (p. 31). In the next roll (p. 32) the grant is raised to 6*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* by the addition of lands in Kirkby, an entry that is repeated many years subsequently. He was excused 5*s.* in 1180-1 under cos. Notts and Derby (Pipe Roll, 27 Henry II., ro. 1*d.*). In 1202-3 Hugh Brito of Hukenhal' made fine to have the wardship of the land of William son of Cost', and the marriage of his heir (Pipe Roll, 5 John, ro. 13). William's serjeantry is entered in the *Testa de Nevill*, p. 22*b*; cf. 18*a*. Cf. *Rot. Litterarum Clausarum*, i., pp. 118*b*, 123*a*.

³ William le Corner, senior and junior, were amerced in 1206-7 (Pipe Rolls, 9 John, ro. 11, Notts and Derby). William Cornar[ius] was supervisor of carpenters in Nottingham castle in 1213-14 (Pipe Roll, 16 John, ro. 15), and of building operations there in 1218-19 (Pipe Roll, 3 Henry III., ro. 8). See *Nottingham Borough Records*, i., pp. 18, 50.

⁴ Hugh de Insula pays scutage under cos. Notts and Derby in 1197-8 (Pipe Roll, 10 Richard I., ro. 8), and in 1198-9 (Pipe Roll, 1 John, ro. 15; *Red Book*, i., p. 122), and in 1209-10 (Pipe Roll, 12 John, ro. 12; *Red Book* p. 180). He died before 1210-11, in which year Thomas Despenser with Hugh's daughter and heiress held his lands (*Red Book*, ii., p. 584; cf. *Rot. Litterarum Clausarum*, i., pp. 118*b*, 174).

⁵ Gilbert de Broculvestowe was amerced for a forest offence under cos. Notts and Derby in 1186-7 and 1187-8 (Pipe Roll, 33 Henry II., ro. 12; 34 Henry II., ro. 14*d.*). He was the son of Eustace (Thoroton, *Notts*, p. 232*a*). Geoffrey de Broculvestowe's holding in Broc[ulvestowe] is recorded in an inquisition taken in 1213-14 (the year of office of Eustace [de Ludeham], who is mentioned at p. 19*a*) in the *Testa de Nevill*, p. 18*a*.

⁶ The river Leen.

⁷ Bestwood [Park], co. Notts.

tinenciis suis; in Baseford' unum molendinum cum secta et omnibus aliis pertinenciis suis, tres acras terre ad capud unius culture sue versus Broculvestowe: tenenda et habenda sibi et heredibus suis de me et heredibus meis libere et quiete, plenarie, integre et honorifice in omnibus locis, cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus, per servicium unius marce ex una parte et duorum solidorum ex alia parte, mihi et heredibus meis an[n]uatim solvendorum ad duos terminos, ad festum Candelarum vij. sol. et viijd. et ad Sanctum Michaellem tantundem, pro omni servicio ad me pertinente. Hanc autem concessionem et confirmacionem feci predicto Gaufrido pro homagio suo et rationabili relavio, quod de illo recepi.

Hiis testibus: Priore et Conventu de Novo Loco; Philippo Priore de Baseford'; Samsone de Stratl[eia]; Waltero de Ribeof; Simone de Baseford; Patricio de Rosel¹; Thomas de Rosel; Costo sacerdote; Gervasio de Ernhall²; Radulfo de Broculvest[owe]; et multis aliis.

Seal in green wax with quatrefoil, inscribed . . GONIS D . .

[c. 1200]—Grant by Robert son of Herbert de Bramcote [Bramcote, co. Notts] to Silvester son of Robert the chaplain of Bestona [Beeston, co. Notts], of land [in Bramcote].

Sciant omnes presentes et futuri, quod ego Robertus filius Hereberti de Brancote³ dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Silvestro filio Roberti Capellani de Bestona unam acram terre in Viuicroft: tenendam de me et heredibus meis sibi et heredibus suis libere et quiete et honorifice; reddendo inde annuatim mihi et heredibus meis ille et heredes sui unam libram cimini ad festum Sancti Martini pro omni servitio ad me vel heredibus meis pertinente. Preterea, concessi ei communionem cum heredibus meis in pratis, in pascuis, in viis et in semitis, et ubicunque fuerit communio omnium meorum. Pro hac itaque concessione habenda, dedit mihi prefatus Silvester dua talenta in gersumam.

His testibus: Magistro Silvestro de Notinch[eham]⁴; Silvestro filio ejus, persona de Radefort⁵; Roberto, persona de Adigburc⁶; Ricardo, capellano de Brancote; Pascasio de Estweit; Waltero de Estweit⁷; Henrico clerico de

¹ Rosel, Normandy, canton of Creully, arrond. of Caen, depart. of the Calvados.

² Arnold, co. Notts. Gervase de Arnehale witnesses a deed c. 1221 relating to Nottingham (*Records of the Borough of Nottingham*, i., p. 14).

³ Herbert de Bramcote [Bramcot, co. Notts] was a benefactor of Lenton Priory (Thoroton, *Notts*, p. 209b). Robert de Brancote was one of the supervisors of works at Harestan and Bolsover castles in 1208-9 (Pipe Roll, 11 John, ro. 10).

⁴ See page 20, note 14, above.

⁵ Radford [now included in the city of Nottingham].

⁶ Attenborough, co. Notts.

⁷ Walter de Estwait is mentioned under cos. Notts and Derby in 1165-6 and 1166-7 (Pipe Rolls, 12 Henry II., p. 52; 13 Henry II., p. 139). Walter de Estwait made a fine, with other Notts men, in 1200 (*Rotuli de Oblatis*, p. 75) and was fined for a forest offence in 1209-10 (Pipe Roll, 12 John, ro. 12, Notts and Derby). He is described as sheriff of Nottinghamshire in 1225 (*Records of the Borough of Nottingham*, i., p. 20), meaning, no doubt, deputy to Ralph son of Nicholas, the sheriff.

Huchenal¹; Reginaldo de Brancote²; Galfredo de Brancote; Johanne et Rogero, filii Roberti de Beston, et Bartholomeo fratre suo; et multis aliis.

Seal in green wax, with floriated ornament in centre. Inscription: + SIGILL' ROBERTI FILI' HERBERTI.

[c. 1200]—Grant by Hugh son of Thomas de Cozale to Alexander son of Huctred [Ughtred] de Hemdeshill [Hempshill (Hall), parish of Nuthall, co. Notts], of land in Cozale [Cossal, co. Notts].

Sciant omnes presentes et futuri, quod ego Hugo filius Thome de Cozale dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Alexandro filio Huctredi de Hemdeshil,³ pro humagio et servicio suo, meam acram prati in prato de Cozale, que vocatur "magna acra": tenendam et habendam sibi et heredibus suis de me et heredibus meis libere, honorifice, et quiete; reddendo inde annuatim michi et heredibus meis sex denarios ad festum Sancti Martini pro omni servicio michi et heredibus meis pertinenti. Ego vero Hugo et heredes mei garantizabimus predicto Alexandro et heredibus suis acram predictam contra omnes homines.

Hiis testibus: Symone de Wattenhou,⁴ Symone de Bileburc,⁵ Hugone de Nutehale,⁶ Hugone de Temes, Symone filio Juede, Symone de Basefort,⁷ Johanne clerico de Kinemarle,⁸ et multis aliis.

Seal with fleur-de-lys and the inscription: SIGILL' HUGONIS FILI TOME.

[c. 1200]—Release by Christiana, prioress of Wilberfoss [co. York] of right in land [in Wilberfoss?], subject to a yearly payment, which is to be given to three nuns, sisters of Muriel, wife of Simon Sakespee, during their lives.

Omnibus Christi fidelibus has litteras visuris vel auditoris, Christiana, priorissa de Wilberfosse, et totus ejusdem loci Conventus, salutem in Domino.

Noverit universitas vestra, nos nichil juris clamare in terra illa, que fuit Simonis Sakespee et Murielis, sponse sue, juxta ecclesiam Sancti Dionisii, vel ejus pertinentiis, preter dimidiam marcam argenti annuam, quam prefata Muriel dedit nobis pro salute anime sue et Simonis, sponsi sui, annuatim percipiendam de prefata terra de Ysaac et Roberto, fratribus ipsius Murielis, scilicet, medietatem de uno et medietatem de altero, in tota vita ipsius Roberti. Post mortem vero Roberti, Ysaac et

¹ Hucknall, co. Notts.

² Mentioned in the Pipe Roll for 1210-11 (13 John, ro. 2, Notts and Derby).

³ The "Hamessel" of Domesday Book, i., p. 288, col. 1. It appears in 1209-10 as Hindeshull, where it answers with Bulwell for waste (Pipe Roll 12 John, ro. 12).

⁴ Watnall, parish of Greasley, co. Notts.

⁵ Bilborough, co. Notts.

⁶ Nuthall, co. Notts.

⁷ Basford, co. Notts.

⁸ Kimberley, co. Notts.

heredes sui de corpore suo exituri, quibus prefata Muriel dedit totam terram illam hereditarie, reddent nobis annuatim de tota terra illa predictam dimidiam marcam annuam, medietatem ad festum Sancti Martini et medietatem ad Pentecosten. Si vero Ysaac moriatur sine herede de corpore suo, Thomas filius Turgisii et heredes sui tenebunt in perpetuum totam predictam terram; reddendo inde nobis annuatim predictam dimidiam marcam annuam ad prefatos terminos. Alicia vero et Emma et Juliana, sorores Murielis, moniales nostre, habebunt in tota vita earum predictam dimidiam marcam ad adjutorium vestitus sui. Et ne plus juris supra dimidiam marcam annuam in terra illa in perpetuum vindicare possimus, illud presenti carta nostra et sigilli nostri appositione roboravimus.

Hiis testibus: Gill[eberto] et Radulfo capellanis; Johanne Distefald'; Laurencio, fratre domus nostre; Thoma Palmer; Nicholao fratre ejus; Thoma filio Turgisii; Nicholao de Bretegate; Thoma filio Roberti; Adam Verdenel, et multis aliis.

Oval shaped seal with dove displayed bearing in its mouth a twig, surrounded with the inscription: SIGILL' [P]RIORRESA (sic) DE WILBVRF . . .

[c. 1200]—Ratification by the prior and convent of Bulintun [Bullington, parish of Goltho, co. Lincoln] of the final concord made between them and Alan de Bosdeele, son of Helto de Bosdeele, concerning the latter's grant to the prior and convent and an exchange between Alan and them.

Cunctis Christi fidelibus, ad quorum notitiam presens carta pervenerit, Prior et Conventus de Bulint[un], salutem.

Sciatis, quod finalis concordia inter nos et Alanum de Bosdeele hoc modo facta est, et omnis lis et controversia hoc fine sopita: Ipse Alanus concessit et carta sua nobis confirmavit totam donacionem patris sui et matris sue, secundum tenorem carte eorum, ad quam appensum est sigillum Capituli Lincoln[iensis] ecclesie et sigillum Heute,¹ patris sui, in puram et perpetuam elemosinam, istis tribus rebus exceptis, videlicet, Gippetoft et pastura de Gosholm et de Bistede; pro quibus tribus rebus prenominatus Alanus dedit nobis in excambiis duas acras prati in Miklehale propinquiores prato Simonis de Kim'. Nos vero, scilicet Prior et Conventus de Bulint[un], omne jus, quod in tribus rebus prefatis habuimus, illi in Capitulo Lincol[niensis] ecclesie quietum clamavimus, nec per aliquam cartam vel scriptum de hiis tribus rebus prenominatis aliquid clamabimus adversus eum vel heredes ejus in perpetuum. Ut autem hec omnia, que inter nos scripta sunt, firma et illibata permaneant, tam sigilli nostri appensione quam sigilli Capituli Lincoln[iensis] ecclesie testimonio, in quo hec acta sunt, corroborantur.

Hiis testibus: Rogero,² Decano Lincoln[iensis] ecclesie;

¹ Helto (of which *Heute* is the Old French form) de Boisdl' of p. 19, above.

² Roger de Rolveston, 1195-1223 (*Le Neve*, ii., 30).

Magistro Willelmo¹ Precentore ; Ricardo de Kim',² Waltero Blundo, Rogero Scoto, Andrea, Canonicis Lincoln[iensis] ecclesie ; Simone de Kim'³ ; Magistro Henrico ; Philippo de Beaumis ; Rogero Arsic ; Petro de Bekering⁴ ; . . . a filio ejus ; Ranulfo de Midlei ; Simone de Sidetun⁵.

Seals missing.

[c. 1200]—Grant by Peter de Mellento to the House of St. Leonard, Ristun [Tarrant Rushton, co. Dorset] of an acre of land to be tilled yearly (changing with the cultivation and fallowing in a two-course system of cultivation), for the maintenance of a light in that house.

Universis Sancte Matris Ecclesie filiis, Petrus de Melle[n]to, salutem in vero Salutari.

Noverit universitas vestra, me, caritatis intuitu, dedisse et concessisse Deo et Sancte Marie et Ecclesie Sancti Leonardi de Ristune,⁶ et fratribus ibidem Deo servantibus, pro anima mea et pro anima uxoris mee M., et patrum matrumque nostrorum, et puerorum et antecessorum, et pro fraternitate habenda ejusdem loci, unam acram terre quolibet anno colendam, scilicet acram propinquiorem terre, que data est in elemosinam ecclesie de Cnoltune⁷ ad lumen ejusdem ecclesie, et anno sequenti ex altera parte jam dicte terre ejusdem ecclesie de Cnoltune unam acram.⁸ Hanc vero donationem et concessionem feci pro anima filii mei Willelmi, ut perpetue annuatim obsequium anniversarii illius in ecclesia illa celebretur ut pro fratre ejusdem loci. Et ut hec donatio firma sit in perpetuum, sigilli mei impressione confirmavi.

His testibus : Helya capellano ; Galfrido clerico ; Radulfo filio Domini ; Hugone, cognato ejus ; Rogero filio Hugonis ; cum omnibus fratribus Sancti Leonardi de Ristune.

Seal missing.

¹ William, appointed precentor in 1196, was consecrated bishop in 1203 (*Id.*, pp. 37, 82).

² Wrongly called 'de Rim' in Le Neve, p. 121. The other Canons are not mentioned by Le Neve.

³ Simon de Kime died shortly before 27 January, 1220 (*Excerpta e Rotulis Finium*, i., pp. 42, 44).

⁴ Beckering (Holton cum), co. Lincoln.

⁵ Syston, co. Lincoln.

⁶ The religious house or hospital of St. Leonard in the parish of Tarrant Rushton, co. Dorset. See Hutchins, *History of Dorset*, ed. 3, iii., p. 463. It is called the house of St. Leonard, Risshton by Palmeresbrigge in the *Cal. Patent Rolls*, 7 Ed. III., pp. 417, 420, and the chapel of Rushton in the same Calendar 5 Ed. III., pp. 84, 86, 159 where is not identified. This Rushton appears to be the *Riston* of Domesday Book, i., 83 col. 2, 83b col. 2 (=Exon. D.B., 53), 84 col. 2, which Eyton has confused with Rushton in East Stoke (D.B., 83 col. 2 ; 84b col. 1).

⁷ Knowlton, a deserted village now in the parish of Horton, co. Dorset. See Hutchins, iii., p. 150, where a grant of land by Peter de Meulent [*i.e.*, Meulan, arrondissement of Versailles, department of the Seine-et-Oise], the donor of this deed, is recorded.

⁸ That is, they shall have an acre on one side of the land given to Cnoltune one year, and an acre on the other side of the said land the following year, and so alternately.

[c. 1200]—Sale by Robert le Westreys to Maud, daughter of Geoffrey de Trowall [Trowell, co. Notts], of land in Stanton' [Stanton-by-Dale, co. Derby].

Sciant omnes tam presentes quam futuri, quod ego Robertus le Westreys, assensu et voluntate Willelmi¹, filii et heredis mei, vendidi et quietas clamavi de me et de heredibus meis Matild[i], filie Gaufridi de Trowall², et cui vel quibus assignare voluerit, et eorum heredibus, duas bovatas terre in territorio de Stanton', cum tofto et crofto et edificiis, et cum omnibus libertatibus et pertinentiis suis, tam liberas sicut eas unquam liberius tenui, excepto tofto juxta toftum Walteri filii Achardi de latitudine viginti pedum et longitudine quadraginta pedum versus viam, et exceptis tribus rodibus juxta Grenehul: faciendo inde servicium Domine Ydonee et heredibus suis, scilicet quatuor solidos annuatim, pro omni servicio ad eam et ad heredes suos pertinente, salvo forinseco servicio, duos solidos ad Nativitatem Beati Johannis Baptiste et duos solidos ad festum Beati Thome Apostoli ante Natale. Pro hac autem vendicione et quieta clamacione, dedit mihi predicta Matild[is] sex marcas argenti. Ego vero Robertus le Westreys et heredes mei has duas bovatas terre cum pertinentiis prenominatis predicte Matild[i], et cui vel quibus assignare voluerit, contra omnes homines warentizabimus. Ut igitur presens scriptum robur optineat in posterum, illud sigilli mei appositione confirmavi.

His testibus: Willelmo de Musch[amp],³ Arch[idiacono] Derb[ie]; Petro filio Willelmi de Derb[ia]; Matheo Thuscheyt; Petro de Sandiacra⁴; Roberto de Salto (*sic*) Caprioli; Waltero de Hestweyt⁵; Rogero de Brunseleya⁶; Roberto de Musch[amp]⁷ et Hugone et Willelmo, fratribus

¹ William Westrensis ('the westerner') was amerced under cos. Notts and Derby in 1199-1200 (Pipe Roll, 2 John, ro. 1).

² Trowell, co. Notts, adjoins Stanton-by-Dale, co. Derby. Geoffrey de Trowell answers for scutage in 1203-4 (Pipe Roll, 6 John, ro. 13). In 1212-13 and 1214 Roger son of Geoffrey de Trouuel made fine for having the lands that had belonged to his father in Trowell and Brinsley (Pipe Roll, 15 John, ro. 18; *Rot. de Finibus*, p. 544).

³ Died 1231 (*Annales de Dunstaplia*, in *Annales Monastici*, iii., p. 127).

⁴ Sandiacre, co. Derby. Peter de Sandiacre (who appears frequently by a strange Frenchification as Peter de Seint Diacre) succeeded about 1194-5, when Beatrice de Halun fined to have her dower of the land of Peter de Sandiacra, her first husband (Pipe Roll, 7 Richard I., ro. 2). Peter de Seint Diacre paid 100l. in 1197-8 to have seisin of Horsleg' [Horsley, co. Derby] of his inheritance, as he alleged (Pipe Roll, 10 Richard I., ro. 8). Peter de Sandiacra made fine in 1201 to avoid crossing the sea on military service (*Rot. de Oblatis*, p. 127). He is mentioned as a surety in 1207 (*Rot. de Finibus*, p. 333). His name frequently occurs in the Notts and Derby Pipe Rolls of John's time in connexion with scutages (cf. Madox, *Hist. of Exchequer*, i., p. 638, note k), etc. He died in or before 1218-19 when his heirs are charged with a debt of his, and his Christian name is underlined for deletion, with Richard written over it (Pipe Roll, 3 Henry III., ro. 8).

⁵ Eastwood, co. Notts. See page 41, note 7, above.

⁶ Brinsley, co. Notts.

⁷ Robert de Muscamp' [Muskham, co. Notts] makes fine in 1201 in order that he may not cross the sea (*Rot. de Oblatis*, p. 127). In 1203-4 he fined to be released from keeping Harestan castle (Pipe Roll, 6 John, ro. 13). In 1213, his son-in-law, Ralph de Gresel[eye] makes fine for having the lands that had belonged to Robert (*Rot. de Finibus*, p. 507; Pipe Roll, 16 John, ro. 5; cf. *Excerpta e Rotulis Finium*, i., p. 34).

suis ; Thoma de Henover¹ ; Waltero le Scot ; Hugo de Alm ; Roberto de Brunel[eya] ; Henrico de Greseleya² ; et multis aliis.

Seal with a fleur-de-lys and the inscription : + SIGILL' ROBERTI LE WESTRIN.

[c. 1200]—Confirmation of the preceding grant by William le Westreys, son and heir of Robert le Westreys, witnessed by the same persons.

Seal with a fleur-de-lys and the inscription : + SIGILL' WILLELMI LE WESTERES.

[c. 1200]—Grant by Eustace son of Hugh to Walter de Estweit of the homage and service of Hugh son of Robert de Wilgheby for land in Wilgheby [Willoughby-on-the-Wolds, co. Notts].

Omnibus, qui hoc scriptum viderint vel audierint, Eustachius filius Hugonis, salutem.

Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse Waltero de Estweit, pro homagio et servitio suo, homagium et servitium Hugonis filii Roberti de Wilgheby, et heredum suorum, de quatuor bovatis terre, quas idem Hugo tenuit de me in eadem villa : tenenda et habenda ipsi Waltero et heredibus suis de me et heredibus meis, cum omnibus eorum pertinentiis, in perpetuum libere et quiete et pacifice ; reddendo inde mihi et heredibus meis singulis annis duos denarios ad festum Sancti Martini pro omni servitio mihi et heredibus meis inde percipiendo.³

Hiis testibus : Ricardo, abbate de Wellebec⁴ ; Henrico de Gray ; Sansone de Stretl[eia] ; Willelmo de Leke ; Galfrido de Jorz ; Stephano filio Hugonis ; Paschasio de Estweit ; Willelmo de Munjal⁵ ; James de Bachepuz ; et multis aliis.

Seal with a floriated ornament and the inscription : + SIGILL' EVSTACI FILII HVGONIS.

[c. 1200]—Grant by Alan son of Humphrey de Eddriceston to Robert de Nemore of land in Eddricheston [Atherstone-on-Stour, co. Warwick].

¹ Heanor, co. Derby.

² Greasley, co. Notts.

³ *percipiente*, MS.

⁴ Richard, abbot of Welbeck, was demandant in a fine levied in the quinzaine of Michaelmas, 1203, against Alexander, prior of Shelford, concerning the advowson of Kelum (Kelham) church (Feet of Fines, co. Notts, file 2, no. 29). He was also demandant in a fine levied at the octave of Holy Trinity, 6 John (*Ib.*, no. 37), and in another levied in three weeks of St. Hilary, 12 John (*Ib.*, no. 60). On 7 July, 1215, he delivered to the king certain royal jewels that had been deposited in the abbey (*Rot. Litt. Pat.* p. 148b).

⁵ William de Mungay made fine, with other Notts men, in 1200 (*Rotuli de Oblatis*, p. 75). His name occurs as tenant in a fine levied in 1203 between him and Alexander, prior of Shelford, concerning lands in Lambecote (Feet of Fines, co. Notts, file 2, no. 26). He was one of the knights and free tenants who made perambulation of the forest of Nottinghamshire (Sherwood Forest) in 1218 (Bundle "De Antiquis Forestis," no. 3, Pub. Rec. Office ; Robert White, *Dukery Records*, 1904, p. 396).

Sciant presentes et futuri, quod ego Alanus filius Hunfredi de Eddriceston' dedi et concessi et hac mea presenti carta confirmavi Roberto de Nemore et heredibus suis, pro homagio et servicio suo, unam acram terre in Eddricheston' cum pertinentiis, scilicet illam quam Ketelbern tenuit ei et heredibus suis: habendam et tenendam de me et heredibus meis libere et quiete et honorifice, cum omnibus libertatibus in bosco, in plano, in pratis, in pascuis, in viis, in semitis et exitibus; reddendo inde michi et heredibus meis ille et heredes sui iij. denarios annuatim pro omni servicio mihi pertinente, scilicet iij. obolos ad festum Sancti Michaelis et iij. obolos ad festum Sancte Marie in Marcio. Et ego Alanus et heredes mei prenominatam acram terre Roberto de Nemore et heredibus suis contra omnes gentes warantizabimus.

His testibus: Willelmo de Eddriceston'; Alano de Bladis; Bernerio de Nemore; Elia de Logeleia; Nicholao de Burleia; et aliis.

Seal in white wax, with fleur-de-lys (?). Inscription: + SRE . . . ALANI FILI' HUNF.

[c. 1200]—Grant by Hugh de Essebroc to Elias the lead-smith of Essebroc [in the lordship of Kingsbury, co. Warwick], of land near Hugh's park of Kinesberi [Kingsbury].

Sciant omnes presentes et futuri, quod ego Hugo de Essebroc dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Helye Plumbifabro de Essebroc, et heredibus suis, pro homagio et servitio suo, septem acras et unam rodam terre in meo novo sarto, que jacent juxta parcum de Kinesberi, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis: habendas et tenendas de me et heredibus meis sibi et heredibus suis jure hereditario, libere et qui[e]te et honorifice, cum omnibus libertatibus, communis, et aisiamentis; reddendo inde annuatim michi et heredibus meis ille et heredes sui octodecim denarios ad duos terminos anni, scilicet ad festum Sancti Johannis Baptiste novem denarios et ad festum Sancti Michaelis novem denarios pro omni servitio, exactione, rebus et demandis michi et heredibus meis pertinentibus inperpetuum. Et totam predictam terram poterit predictus Helyas claudere et fossare, prout melius sibi viderit expedire. Ego vero et heredes mei totam pefatam terram cum omnibus pertinentiis suis warantizabimus pefato Helye et heredibus suis contra omnes homines et omnes feminas et calumpnias inperpetuum. Pro hac autem donatione et concessione et warantizatione dedit michi predictus Helyas Plumbifaber pre manibus duas marcas argenti. Et ut hec mea donatio et concessio prescripta rata, stabilis et inconvulsa permaneat, sigilli mei appositione corroboravi.

His testibus: Waltero Funwi, Roberto de Plumtun', Ada de Brograve, Simone pincerna, Johanne de Kingesford', Roberto de Benethley,¹ Willelmo filio Godefridi de Hurley,²

¹ Bentley, co. Warwick.

² Hurley, parish of Kingsbury, co. Warwick.

Toma filio Ade de Essebi, Willelmo le Waleys, et multis aliis.
Seal missing.

[c. 1200]—Grant by John de Bracebruge to Simon de Blackgrave [Blackgreave, parish of Lea Marston, co. Warwick] of the lands granted by his ancestors to Simon's in le Bromicroft [Broomy Croft, parish of Kingsbury, co. Warwick].

Sciant presentes et futuri, quod ego Johannes de Bracebruge concessi et hac presenti karta confirmavi Simoni de Blacgrave, pro homagio et servicio suo, totam terram quam antecessores mei suis antecessoribus dederunt, scilicet totum *le Bromicroft*, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, et duodecim acras prati sub *clive* ad predictum croftum pertinentes, et unam holmam infra aquas contentam ad idem croftum pertinentem; illi et heredibus suis tenendum et habendum de me et heredibus meis inperpetuum, libere et quiete, pacifice et honorifice, cum omnibus aisiamentis ad prenominatam terram pertinentibus; reddendo inde annuatim ille et heredes sui michi et heredibus meis pro omni servicio et seculari exactione ad me et ad heredes meos pertinente tres solidos ad duos terminos, scilicet ad festum Sancte Marie in Marcio octodecim denarios, ad festum Sancti Michaelis octodecim denarios. Et ut hec mea concessio et confirmacio rata et inconcussa permaneat, eam presentis scripti testimonio et sigilli mei impressione munivi.

Hiis testibus: Hugone de Essebroc, Roberto de Pluntun, Waltero Fundu, Willelmo de Hurnlee, Roberto de Bracebruge, Willelmo de Insula, Johanne de Blacgrave, Johanne filio Ingrit, Godefroi de Kinisbiris, et multis aliis.

Equestrian seal in white wax; inscription worn away.

[c. 1200]—Grant by Hugh de Essebroc to Simon de Blaggreve in marriage with the donor's sister of land in Blochkeley [? in Kingsbury or Lea Marston, co. Warwick].

Sciant omnes presentes et futuri, quod ego Hugo de Essebroch dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Symoni de Blaggreve cum Felicia, sorore mea, in maritagium triginta acras terre in Blochkeley, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, scilicet illas quas Willelmus, pater predicti Symonis, tenuit de me. Preterea dedi eidem Symoni illam croftam cum mora, quam Willelmus filius Swein tenuit de me. Habendas et tenendas libere et quiete, bene et pacifice de me et heredibus meis sibi et heredibus suis, quos de predicta sorore mea Felicia habiturus est; reddendo inde annuatim michi et heredibus meis ille et heredes sui octo solidos ad tres terminos, scilicet ad festum Sancti Michaelis triginta duos denarios, et ad festum Beate Marie in Marcio triginta duos denarios, et ad festum Sancti Johannis Baptiste triginta duos denarios, pro omnibus servitiis ad me vel ad heredes meos pertinentibus, salvo forinseco servitio. Hanc autem donationem et confirmationem ego et heredes mei warantizabimus predicto Simoni et heredibus suis contra omnes homines et omnes

calumpnias inperpetuum. Et ut hec omnia predicta rata et inconcussa permaneant, ea sigilli mei impressione signavi.

Hīs testibus : Radulfo filio Radulfi, Johanne de Langedon, Adam de Cruddewrthie,¹ Roberto fratre ejusdem, Rogero de Kotes, Roberto de Clive, et multis aliis.

Seal missing.

[c. 1200]—Grant by John de Bracebruge to Peter son of William the Reeve, in free marriage with Agnes, daughter of Ralph the Chaplain of Sutton [Coldfield, co. Warwick], of land in Holtto [Holt, in Whateley, parish of Kingsbury, co. Warwick].

Sciunt omnes tam presentes quam futuri, quod ego Johannes de Bracebruge dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Petro filio Willelmi prepositi, in liberum maritagium cum Agnete filia Radulfi capellani de Suttone, pro homagio et servicio suo, unam virgatam terre in Holtto, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, illam scilicet quam Levewinus de Holtto ibidem tenuit, et unam acram prati, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, in prato de Bradeford, illam videlicet quam Rogerus de eodem Holtto tenuit : habendas et tenendas cum omnibus pertinentiis suis et cum omnibus libertatibus in bosco et plano, in viis et semitis, in aquis, et in omnibus locis et ad capiendum in bosco meo necessaria ad *husbote* et ad *haibote* sibi et heredibus suis de me et heredibus meis jure hereditario, bene, pacifice, honorifice, et integre, libere et quiete in perpetuum ; reddendo inde annuatim duos solidos esterlingorum ipsi et heredes eorum in perpetuum abbacie et monachis de Miravalle² ad lumen ecclesie ad duos terminos, scilicet ad festum Sancti Michaelis duodecim denarios et ad Annunciationem Beate Marie duodecim denarios, pro omnibus rebus et demandis, salvo forinseco servicio. Et ego et heredes mei warantizabimus omnia prenominata predictis Petro et Agneti et heredibus eorum in perpetuum contra omnes homines et omnes calumpnias.

Hīs testibus : Willelmo de Hardrideshul,³ Roberto filio ejus, Radulfo filio Radulfi, Waltero Fundwi, Hugone de Essebroc, Roberto de Plumtone, Radulfo capellano, Magistro Symone⁴ de Blacgreve, et multis aliis.

Equestrian seal in white wax, much worn.

[c. 1200]—Grant by Adam son of Alan de Wesehamtorpe to Roger de Frevile, of Welingham [Wellingham, co. Norfolk], of land in Weseham [Weasenham, co. Norfolk].

Sciunt presentes et futuri, quod ego Adam filius Alani de Weseham torpe dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Rogero de Frevile⁵, de Welingham, quatuor acras

¹ Curdworth, near Kingsbury, co. Warwick.

² Merevale abbey, co. Warwick.

³ Hartshill, parish of Mancetter, co. Warwick.

⁴ Symone, repeated in original.

⁵ Roger de Frievill brought an assize of novel disseisin in 1225 against Earl Warenne concerning a tenement in Wynebodesham [Wimbotsham], co. Norfolk (*Rot. Litt. Pat.*, p. 79a).

terre in campis de Weseham : scilicet, ij. acras que jacent in Cranedele, inter terram Rogeri filii Mathei et terram Ascilie vidue ; et j. acram et dimidiam percatam ad Assies Crundel, que jacent inter terram predictæ Ascilie et terram Elfnoth ; et iij. percatas et dimidiam percatam super Uverneulond, que jacent inter feudum Hamonis Biuirt et feudum Rogeri filii Ernive ; illi et heredibus suis, vel cuicumque dare vel assignare voluerit, ad tenendum de me et heredibus meis in feudo et hereditate libere et quiete et per liberum servicium ; inde reddendo annuatim mihi et heredibus meis unum denarium, scilicet ad Pentecosten, et ad scutagium Domini Regis quando venerit ad xx. solidos unum obolum, et ad plus plus, et ad minus minus, pro omnibus serviciis et consuetudinibus et exactionibus. Et pro hac autem donatione et concessione et carte mee confirmatione, predictus Rogerus devenit affidatus meus et dedit mihi xx. solidos in gersum[a]. Et ego predictus Adam et heredes mei warrantizabimus predictam terram predicto Rogero et heredibus suis per predictum servicium contra omnes homines.

Hiis testibus : Radulfo Extraneo ; Matheo de Greinestun ; Roberto de Salle¹ ; Roger de (*sic*) filio Ascilie de Weseham ; Rogero filio Ernive ; Alan filio Segrin ; Johanne filio Lamberti ; Rogero filio Mathei ; Osberto filio Ade ; Alano filio Fulcher ; Hugone filio Main ; et multis aliis.

Seal missing.

[c. 1200]—Grant by Malcolm de Harleia [Harley, co. Salop] to Robert Malherbe of a messuage in Wonlochia [Much Wenlock, co. Salop].

Sciant qui sunt et qui futuri sunt, quod ego Malcolmus de Harleia,² consensu et assensu uxoris mee et omnium heredum meorum, dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea cum sigillo meo confirmavi Roberto Malherbe,³ pro homagio et servicio suo, masuagium meum in Wonlochia, quod est inter domum Edipe puelle et murum ab[b]acie, cum pertinentiis et libertatibus suis, sibi et heredibus suis, tenendum de me et de heredibus meis in feudo et hereditate, libere et quiete de omni exactione, in pace et honorifice, pro omni servitio annuatim inde reddendo michi et heredibus meis ad festum Sancti Michaelis xij. denarios. Ut autem ad hanc hereditariam perveniret donationem, jam dictus Robertus dedit michi duas marcas argenti. Ego etiam Malcolmus et heredes mei warrantizabimus predicto Roberto et heredibus suis predictum masuagium contra omnes homines et feminas. Preterea ego et heredes mei concessimus sepedicto Roberto

¹ Sall, co. Norfolk.

² Malcolm de Harley occurs between 1180 and 1209 (Eyton, *Shropshire*, iii., p. 294). He was succeeded as lord of Harley by William de Harley, son and heir of Robert Malherve (the Robert Malherbe of this charter) before 1221, in which year William was vouched to warrant to John son of — a messuage in Wenlock (probably the one conveyed by this charter) that had been granted to John by the said Robert (Eyton, vi., p. 233).

³ See preceding note.

omnes assias suas in bosco meo de Harleia et heredibus suis, scilicet pascuam omnium generum animalium suorum, et vj. porcos quietos de pannagio. Si autem major fuerit numerus, dabit michi pro porcis supra vj. predictis sicut ceteri liberi homines mei. Concessimus insuper ligna ei de bosco meo quantum indiget ad focum suum. Ut autem hec donatio mea rata sit et inconcussa, hanc presentis scripti et sigilli mei munimine roboravi.

His festibus: Warino de Burwardes[eia],¹ Willelmo filio ejus, Warnerio de Willeia,² Rogero de Begeshowre,³ Stephano filio ejus, Hugonis de Lega, Menone de Dudit[ona],⁴ Rogero Baret, Waltero de Prestedene, Idnardo Janitore, Brutone, et multis aliis.

Good impression of the equestrian seal of the donor, with the inscription: SIGILLVM MALCOLM[I DE HARL]EE.

[1201, March 2]—⁵ Charter of King John granting to William de Stutevill licence to enclose and fortify his houses at Cotyngeham and Buttereram [Cottingham and Butter Crambe, co. York].

Johannes, Dei gracia, rex Angl[ie], dominus Hibernie, dux Norm[annie], Aquit[anie], comes Andeg[avie], archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, comitibus, baronibus, justiciis, vicecomitibus, prepositis, ministris, et omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis, salutem.

Sciatis, quod nos dedimus et concessimus Willelmo de Estutevill' licenciam claudendi et firmandi domos suas de Cotyng'ham et de Buttereram, prohibentes ne quis eum super hoc disturbet.

Testibus: Willelmo, comite Sarisbyr', G. filio Petri, comite Essex[ie], Hugone Bardulf', Petro de Pratell[is], Symone de Pateshull'.

Dat[a] per manum Symonis archidiaconi Wellensis. Apud Eboracum, ij. die Martii, anno regni nostri secundo.

Fragment of great seal in green wax.

[Enrolled on Charter Roll, p. 89a, where the former name appears as *Totyng'ham.*]

[c. 1220]—Grant by Brian de Insula⁶ to William Basset of 100s. yearly from the mill of Duffield [Duffield, co. Derby], doing therefor the sixtieth part of a knight's fee.

Witnesses: Geoffrey de Nevill, the king's chamberlain,⁷ John de

¹ Broseley, co. Salop.

² Willey, co. Salop.

³ Badger, co. Salop.

⁴ Dodington (? parish of Cleobury Mortimer, co. Salop).

⁵ This grant is referred to by Roger of Hoveden, iv., p. 117, under the year 1200.

⁶ Brian de Insula, an important official of King John, survived until 1234 (*Close Rolls*, p. 512). He was Keeper of Sherwood forest.

⁷ Geoffrey de Neville was chamberlain as early as 1207 (*Rot. Litterarum Clausarum*, i. p. 90a). He is referred to as living on 8 December, 1225 (Ib. ii. 87b), but as dead on 27 of that month (Ib. ii. 90b). See *Dict. of Nat. Biography*, xli. p. 251.

Nevill,¹ his son, Master Alexander de Dorset,² Robert Lupus,³ Henry de Monte Alto, John de Ken, Raimbald de Montibus, Walter (*Gu[a]ltero*) de Castellis, Master Roger de Essex, John de Essex, William de Gilling, John de Walkingham, Richard de Monte Alto, Thomas de Scoteny, Walter de Termes, Robert de Bailloil, Geoffrey Pincerna.

Seal in green wax, with inscription and shield bearing a canton, a crescent in the sinister chief and another one in base.

[c. 1210]—Grant by Dionisius, abbot, and the convent of Cerne [co. Dorset] to Robert son of Hugh de Blockesworth of land, etc., in Blockesworth [Blocksworth, co. Dorset].

Omnibus Christi fidelibus, ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit, Dionisius, Dei gracia, abbas Cernel[ensis],⁴ et ejusdem loci conventus, salutem in Domino.

Noverit universitas vestra, nos unanimi consilio concessisse et dedisse Roberto filio Hugonis de Blockesworth' et heredibus suis, pro homagio et servicio suo, mesuagium et curtillagium cum dimidia virgata terre, quam (*sic*) Sampson capellanus tenuit, in villa de Blockesworth', scilicet in uno campo octo acras et dimidiam, et in alio campo octo acras: habenda et tenenda sibi et heredibus suis jure hereditario, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis et libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus, libere et quiete, de nobis et successoribus nostris; reddendo inde annuatim nobis et successoribus nostris duos solidos sterlingorum pro omni servicio et exaccione, salvo servicio domini regis, ad quatuor anni terminos, scilicet ad Natale Domini sex denarios, ad terminum Pasche sex denarios, ad festum Sancti Petri ad Vincula sex denarios, ad festum Sancti Michaelis sex denarios, et conventui ad festum Sancti Nicholai duodecim denarios. Et ut hec donacio et concessio rata et inconcussa permaneat, sigillorum nostrorum duximus munimine confirmanda.

Hiis testibus: Andrea de Winterborn', Roberto filio Thome, Henrico de Litleton', Waltero de Stok', Thoma filio Thome, Roberto filio Willelmi, Radulfo de Hungerford', Ada

¹ John de Nevill made fine with the king in 1216 and also had a charter of faithful service (*Rot. de Finibus*, p. 571).

² Alexander de Dorset was joint-keeper with Brian de Insula in 1205 of land taken into the king's hands for waste of the forest (*Rot. de Finibus*, p. 317), and was with the king in 1216 (*Id.*, p. 371). He appears as an exchequer official early in the reign of Henry III. (Madox, *Hist. of Exchequer*, i, pp. 389, note g, 707, note h, ii, p. 134, note r). He died in or before March, 1233 (*Excerpta e Rotulis Finium*, i, p. 239).

³ Robert Lupus made fine in 1201 for having scutage in co. Notts (*Rot. de Oblatis*, p. 153), and was a surety in 1205 and 1207 (*Id.*, pp. 241, 401). In 1213 Ralph de Greseley makes fine that he may marry his sister-in-law to Robert Lupus (*Id.*, p. 507; Pipe Roll, 16 John, ro. 15).

⁴ An undated release by Abbot Dionisius and the Convent of Cerne is enrolled in 1206 (*Rot. Litt. Pat.*, 64b), and the abbot is mentioned in 1207 (*Rot. Chart.*, p. 170b). He also occurs in two fines of 6 John (*Fines sive Pedes Finium*, ii., 94). In 1208-9 he answered for the ferm of the two hundreds of Modbere and Totocumbe under Somerset and Dorset (Pipe Roll, 11 John, ro. 9). He resigned before 12 February, 1220 (*Monasticon*, ii., p. 623).

le Frere, Hugone Dagon, Roberto Pinc[erna], Henrico clerico, Roberto clerico, et multis aliis.

Seal missing.

[c. 1210]—Grant by the same to Robert de Blockesworth of two acres in Blockesworth in exchange.

Notum sit omnibus, ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit, quod ego Dionisius, divina miseracione, abbas de Cern', et ejusdem loci conventus dedimus et concessimus, et hac carta nostra confirmavimus Roberto de Blockesworth' et heredibus suis duas acras de dominico nostro in Blockesworth' simul jacentes in cultura, que vocatur 'La Wortha,' in eschambium pro una acra jacente juxta Bernardesleg' in parte boreali. Et ut hoc perpetue firmitatis robur optineat, huic scripto sigilla nostra apposuimus.

Hiis testibus: Magistro Waltero de Well'; Roberto filio Thome; Thoma filio Thome; Radulfo de Hungerford'; Ricardo Pincerna; Adam Freynell'; Henrico clerico; et multis aliis.

Seal missing.

[c. 1210]—Grant by the same to the same of land in Riston [Tarrant Rushton, co. Dorset].

Sciunt presentes et futuri, quod ego Dion[ysius], abbas Cern', et ejusdem loci conventus dedimus et concessimus Roberto de Blok[eswurd], pro homagio et servicio suo, duas acras prati et unum *ham*¹ in Riston de feodo Agnetis le Sauvage: habendas et tenendas sibi et heredibus suis imperpetuum libere et quiete ab omni servicio et exactione, salvo regali et forinseco; reddendo inde annuatim Conventui Cern' unam libram cumini in festo Sancti Michaelis. Et ut hec nostra donacio et concessio firma sit et stabilis, eam presenti carta et sigillis nostris confirmavimus.

Hiis testibus: Henrico de Heddon'; Magistro Alvredo de Symon'; Radulfo de Hunger[ford]; Ricardo pincerna; Hugone Dagon; Malgero de Balun; et aliis multis.

[c. 1210]—Deed of exchange by Robert Belet, son of William Belet, with Ralph Belet, his uncle, of land in Winterborne [Winterborne Stéepleton, formerly Winterborne Belet, co. Dorset²].

Sciunt presentes et futuri, quod ego Rodbertus Belet, filius Willelmi Belet, quoddam feci esscambium Raddulfo Belet, advunculo³ meo, de duabus acris prati, que appellantur 'Leureiacres,' et jacent in orientali parte de Cheterhulbrigge, inter pratum regis et La dreve, propter duas acras terre excolende, quas Raddulfus Belet, advunculus meus, dedit mihi in esscambium predictarum acrarum prati de terra sua in Winterborne, illas scilicet super montem viciniore terre prioris de Fromton⁴ in eadem Winterborn' versus orientem,

¹ A meadow. See *New English Dictionary*, s.v. 'Ham, 2.'

² See Hutchins, *Dorset*, iii., p. 337.

³ *Advunculo*, MS.

⁴ The alien priory of Frampton, co. Dorset.

et tendentes ex uno capite super terram Willelmi Lude. Ego vero dictus Rodbertus Belet et heredes mei predicto Radulfo Belet et heredibus suis predictas acras prati contra omnes homines et contra omnes feminas warantizare debemus. Propter hoc esscambium dedit mihi sepe dictus R[addulfus], advunculus meus, x. solidos sterlingorum. Et in hujus esscambii testimonium, sigilli mei corroboracionem presenti scripto apposui.

Hiis testibus: Alwredo de Nichol¹; Rogero Martel²; Willelmo de Wodeghete³; Therico de Werdesford⁴; Philippo German⁵; Willelmo Lude; Nicholao de Ponsot⁵; et multis aliis.

Seal missing.

[c. 1210]—Grant by Godfrey Angevin to Fulk de Ludham of land [?] in Lowdham, co. Notts].

Sciant presentes et futuri, quod ego Godefridus Angevin⁶ dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Fulconi de Ludham,⁷ pro homagio suo et servitio, totum illud pratum quod jacet in kerra⁸ juxta pratum canonicorum de Selesford,⁹ quod Simon de Horsepol de me aliquando tenuit: tenendum de me et de heredibus meis sibi et heredibus suis libere et quiete et hereditarie; reddendo inde annuatim michi et heredibus meis pro omni servitio et exactione et demanda duos solidos, scilicet ad Inventionem Sancte Crucis duodecim denarios et ad festum Sancti Martini duodecim denarios. Et ego et heredes mei predictum pratum predicto Fulconi et heredibus suis contra omnes homines warantizabimus. Pro hac donatione mea et concessione dedit

¹ Lincoln.

² Geoffrey Martel returned in 1166 that he had given to Roger, his brother, a quarter of a knight's fee in Dorset (*Red Book*, i., p. 217; *Liber Niger*, p. 82).

³ Woodyates, co. Dorset. William de Wudiet, Wodeiate, Wudiahate, rendered scutage for one knight's fee under Somerset and Dorset in 1201-2 (*Pipe Rolls*, 3 John, ro. 5; *Red Book*, i., p. 154), and made fine in that year to have scutage in that county (*Rotuli de Oblatis*, p. 160). In 1166 Walter de Wodietune, Wodietune (an erroneous extension of *Wodiet'* in the original returns?) held a knight's fee of Alvred de Lincoln in the said county (*Red Book*, i., p. 215; *Liber Niger*, p. 80).

⁴ Woodsford, co. Dorset, in which Robert Belet held in 1209-10, 1210-11 one knight's fee (*Red Book*, ii., p. 545).

⁵ Robert de Punsholte is returned in 1166 as holding knights' fees in Somerset (*Red Book*, i., p. 234; *Liber Niger*, p. 101). Nicholas de Ponsoud (printed Ponsont) and his wife Sibyl confirmed a grant of and to the church of Mappowder, co. Dorset (*Hutchins, Dorset*, iii., p. 729), and Nicholas de Ponsout was concerned in a suit relating to land at Mappeldr' [Mappowder] in 1220-1 (*Pipe Rolls*, 5 Hen. III., ro. 5, Somerset and Dorset). Nicholas de Punsot (printed Punsoc) held lands in Wilts in 1229 (*Patent Rolls*, 1225-1232, p. 303).

⁶ Renders account for parrage and for scutage in Pipe Roll for Notts and Derby in 1213-14, and 1218-19 and 1220-1, 16 John, ro. 15, 3 Henry III., ro. 8, and 5 Henry III., ro. 5.

⁷ Lowdham, co. Notts.

⁸ 'Car,' a term applied to the low-lying meadows by the Trent. Cf. Wright's *Dialect Dictionary*, 'Car' sb. 1. The 'Ker' at Gunthorpe is mentioned in a deed temp. Henry II. in Thoroton, p. 288a, which is possibly the same Car as the one mentioned in this deed.

⁹ Shelford, co. Notts.

michi Fulco predictus sex capones in gersumam. Et ut hec donatio mea firma permaneat, illam sigilli mei munimine roboravi.

Hiis testibus: Eustachio de Ludham,¹ Waltero filio ejus, Roberto de Raveningham, Roberto filio sacerdotis, Willelmo de Sibethorp,² Thoma filio Roberti, Hugone de Hulvestorp,³ Willelmo fratre ejus, Andrea filio Matillide, Gileberto filio Winemer de Gunolvestune,⁴ et multis aliis.

Seal with fleur-de-lys; inscription illegible.

[c. 1210]—Confirmation by Nicholas de Derleton to John the Chaplain of Ludham of the sale to John made by Alice, daughter of Thurstan, of her inheritance [? in Darlton or Lowdham, co. Notts] in order to marry Nicholas.

Sciant presentes et futuri, quod Nicolaus de Derleton,⁵ juramento prebito et carte mee compositione cum sigilli mei appositione, ratificavi et confirmavi Johanni Capellano de Ludham et heredibus suis et suis [assignatis] totam vendicionem, quam Alicia filia Turstani, ad se mihi marita[n]dam, de hereditate sua dicto Johanni fecit, et sub eadem obligatione juramenti et carte mee confirmatione ego dictus Nicolaus et heredes mei totam venditionem suam de terra, que fuit Turstani, patris sui, et Alicie, matris [sue], dicto Johanni et heredibus suis et suis assignatis contra omnes homines imperpetuum warrantizabimus. Et ut hec warrantizacio et confirmatio stabilis permaneat, presentem cartam sigilli mei appoticionem roboravi.

Hiis testibus: Domino Waltero de Ludham, milite; Johanne filio ejus; Willelmo de Sybetorp; Ricardo de Kuitona⁶; Willelmo filio Roberti de Raveningham; Andrea fratre suo; H[enr]ico de Marcam⁷; Roberto filio Martini; Rogero filio Duranni⁸; Roberto Pinzard; Alano Pisscatore; et aliis.

Small round seal.

[1213-14]—Grant by prior R. and the convent of Lenton to Alan son of Robert del Wal of land in Sutton [Sutton Passeys,⁹ co. Notts].

Universis, ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit, Frater R., prior de Lenton, et ejusdem loci conventus, salutem in Domino.

Noverit universitas vestra, nos unanimi assensu et communi voluntate concessisse et presenti carta nostra confirmasse Alano filio Roberti del Wal' quatuor acras terre

¹ Under-Sheriff of Notts and Dorby in 1213-14. See above, page 39, note 1.

² Sibthorpe, co. Notts.

³ Woolsthorpe, parish of Lowdham. See page 39, note 6, above.

⁴ Gonalstone, co. Notts.

⁵ Darlton, co. Notts.

⁶ For Knivetona (Kniveton)?

⁷ Markham, co. Notts.

⁸ For *Durandi*.

⁹ A vanished village, mainly within the present Wollaton Park.

cum pertinentiis in Sutton', illas scilicet quas Magister Radulfus, persona de Lindeby, ei dedit de feodo nostro: habendum et tenendum dicto Alano et heredibus suis vel suis assignatis et eorum heredibus secundum tenorem carte, quam habet de dicto Radulfo. Ut hec autem concessio et confirmacio perpetuitatis robur obtineat, presens scriptum sigillo nostro et sigillo capituli nostri confirmavimus.

Hiis testibus: Eustachio de Ludeham, tunc Vicecomite Nottingham¹; Rogero Britone, tunc Constabulario²; Philippo de Stretleg³; Hugone de Stretleg³; Roberto le Vavasur; Hugone de Stapilford; et multis aliis.

Seal missing.

[c. 1215]—Grant by Roger de Plesele [Pleasley, co. Derby] to Elias de Martini⁴ of all his land in Wilhebi [Willoughby-on-the-Wolds, co. Notts].

Sciant omnes presentes et futuri, quod ego Rogerus de Plesele dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Helye de Martini, pro humagio suo et servicio, totam terram meam de Wilhebi, cum omnibus pertinentiis et libertatibus eidem terre pertinentibus in eadem villa, scilicet duodecim bovatas terre: habendas et tenendas illi et heredibus suis in feodo et hereditate de me et heredibus meis libere, honorifice et quiete; reddendo inde annuatim michi et heredibus meis unam marcam argenti ad festum Sancti Martini pro omni servicio ad me vel ad heredes meos pertinente, salvo forissecio (*sic*) servicio. Et pro donacione hac et confirmatione, dedit michi memoratus Helyas octo marcas argenti de *gersum*.

Hiis testibus: Philippo Marco, vicecomite,⁵ Johanne Deincurt, Henrico de Strettona, Roberto Britone, Willelmo de Menil, Willelmo Pite, Waltero de Estueit, Eustachio de Mortein, Willelmo de Habetot, Willelmo de Strettona, et multis aliis.

Seal missing.

[c. 1215]—Grant by Adam de Molesworth to Sir Richard de Bello Campo of a messuage in Stapelho [Stapelhoe, parish of Eaton Socon, co. Bedford].

Sciant presentes et futuri, quod Ada de Molesworth concessi et quietum clamavi Domino Ricardo de Bello Campo mesagium illud cum crofto, quod Domina Cecilia tenuit in Stapelho: tenendum et habendum sibi, vel cui assignare

¹ Eustace de Ludeham (see page 39, note 1, above) was acting Sheriff under Philip Marc in 1213-14 (16 John).

² Evidently deputy-Constable of Nottingham castle. Philip Marc, the sheriff, was then constable.

³ Philip de Stradleg⁷ was granted 49s. from the mills of Burg⁷, under cos. Notts and Derby in 1196-7 (Pipe Roll, 9 Richard I., ro. 10).

⁴ Elias de Marteny made fine in 1204 to have seisin of his lands in Wilts and Notts of which he had been disseised by reason of [the war in] Normandy (*Rotuli de Finibus*, p. 204). He was amerced in 1219-20 (Pipe Roll, 4 Henry III., ro. 11, Notts and Derby).

⁵ Philip Marc was Sheriff of Nottingham and Derby from 1209-10 to 1223-4.

voluerit, libere et quiete inperpetuum. Pro hac autem quieta clamancia dedit mihi predictus Ricardus xv. solidos sterlingorum. Et ut hec quieta clamancia rata sit et stabilis, presens scriptum sigilli mei appositione co[r]roboravi.

Hiis testibus: Willelmo de Chauton¹; Galfrido de Newenton; Roberto Hardi; Henrico Pigun; Ricardo filio Persone; et multis aliis.

Seal missing.

[c. 1215]—Grant by Geoffrey son of John de Levedale to William son of Stephen de Levedale of land in Levedale [Levedale, parish of Penkridge, co. Stafford].

Sciant presentes et futuri, quod ego Galfridus filius Johannis de Levedale dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Willelmo filio Stephani de Levedale et heredibus suis, vel cui assignare voluerit, pro homagio et servicio suo, sex acras terre et unum pratum in Levedale; videlicet, unam acram terre ad Brademor, et unam dimidiam acram terre super Walisingfordesforlang, et unam dimidiam [acram] terre super Cleyhul apud Mutton¹, et unam dimidiam acram terre super Cleyhul apud Preston², et unam dimidiam acram terre, que extendit *en* Westem(er), et unam dimidiam acram ter[r]e super le Sutthedis, et unam dimidiam acram terre super Adelaweforlange, et unam dimidiam acram terre super Rucrofte, et unum *phither*³ juxta Adelawehet, et unum *phither* super Croeneste, et unam dimidiam acram terre super Holmum, et unam dimidiam acram terre super le Burie, et unam acram terre dimidiam super le Wideforlang, et unam dimidiam waram prati juxta le He⁴: tenendas et habendas libere, integre, quiete et honorifice in omnibus libertatibus et communi[bu]s aisiamentis predictae terre pertinentibus; reddendo inde annuatim predicto Galfrido et heredibus suis tres denarios ad duos terminos ad festum Sancti Michaelis iii. ob., ad festum Beate Marie in Marcio iii. ob., pro omni servicio et demanda, salvo forinseco servicio. Pro hac autem donatione habenda dedit predictus Willelmus predicto Galfrido xi. solidos argenti ad ingressum. Et predictus Galfridus et heredes sui warentizabunt predictam donationem predicto Willelmo et cui assignare voluerit contra omnes homines et feminas.

Hiis testibus: Hugone in Cimiterio; Roberto filio Hugonis; Roberto filio Matild[e]; Ricardo filio Ricardi; Henrico persona; et multis aliis.

Seal missing.

[c. 1220]—Grant from Laurence,⁵ prior of Selford [Shelford, co. Notts], and the convent of the same to Geoffrey, the

¹ Mitton, parish of Penkridge.

² Preston, parish of Penkridge.

³ A green-balk between the ridges of a ploughed field, marking a division in the open field, or a small 'land' (selion) in the field. Cf. *English Dialect Dictionary*, s. vv. 'Feather, 10', Fither.'

⁴ Probably for *e*, 'stream' (AS. *éa*).

⁵ An addition to the list of priors in the *Monasticon*.

stepson of Helias the Clerk, of the toft that Wlvric Horn held in Selford, and of two acres of arable land in the *territorium* of the same, to wit half an acre between the street (*strata*) and the path near the land of Roger the miller ; a 'land' [*sellionem*] upon Eadmundewong, the one, to wit, that the priory had of the gift of Geoffrey ad Stanbrigg' ; two roods in Pesecroft, one between the land of William the prior's brother and the land of Gilbert Fax, and the other near the land of Ralph the cook ; a rood at Stancrossegate on the upper side ; a rood on Prestinghill' near the land of the said William the prior's brother ; a rood upon Foxinghill' near the land of Robert son of the Lady (*Domine*) ; rendering therefor 3s. yearly.

Witnesses : Roger de Salicosa Mara¹ ; Ralph de Cressi ; Robert Vavassor ; Robert, son of the Lady ; William the prior's brother ; Robert son of Geoffrey.

Seal missing.

[c. 1225]—Grant by William de Claville to Henry, son and heir of Robert de Blockeswurth, in marriage with Amice, his daughter, of bondmen and their holdings [? in Bloxworth, co. Dorset].

Sciant presentes et futuri, quod ego Willelmus de Clavill', assensu et voluntate Cecilie, uxoris mee, dedi et concessi Henrico, filio et heredi Roberti de Blockeswurth', in liberum maritagium cum Amicia, filia mea, subscripta tenementa, cum hominibus et eorum serviciis ; scilicet terram, quam Eustachius de la Welle tenuit, cum pertinenciis, et eundem Eustachium cum sequela sua ; et terram cum pertinenciis, quam Adam Fruillard tenuit, et eundem Adam cum sequela sua ; et terram cum pertinenciis, quam Ricardus Beorn tenuit, et eundem Ricardum cum sequela sua ; et terram cum pertinenciis, quam Ricardus Spure tenuit ; et terram cum pertinenciis, quam Henricus de Syreford tenuit, et eundem Henricum cum sequela sua ; et terram cum pertinenciis, quam Robertus de Syreford tenuit, et eundem Robertum cum sequela sua ; et terram, quam Walterus Berte tenuit cum pertinenciis, et eundem Walterum, salvis michi et heredibus meis quinque filiis ejusdem Walteri, scilicet Hugone, Alexandro, Willelmo White, Petro, Ricardo ; et servicia Rogeri L'Enveysie et Ade Northovere, et quicquid juris in eis et eorum tenementis habui, vel habere potui ; et duodecim acras terre cum pertinenciis in Cheldelegh', quas Henricus Preke tenuit ; et terram, que fuit Willelmi Tut-sainz cum pertinenciis ; et Willelmum Bachelor cum sequela sua ; habenda et tenenda eidem Henrico et heredibus suis, qui ex predicta Amicia fuerint procreati, libere, quiete et hereditarie, salvo servicio regali quantum ad predictam terram pertinet. Et si forte contigerit, quod dicta

¹ Roger de Saucusemar (Saussezemare-en-Caux, Normandy, canton of Goderville, arrond. of Havre, dep. of the Seine-Inférieure) witnesses an undated deed of about this date cited in Thoroton, *Notts*, p. 94b.

Amicia sine herede decesserit—quod Deus avertat!—omnia predicta tenementa cum hominibus et pertinenciis ad me vel ad heredes meos revertentur. Et ut hec mea donacio rata et stabilis permaneat, eam presenti scripto et sigilli mei appositione confirmavi.

Hiis testibus : Domino Ricardo, abbate de Cern' ; Henrico de Stokes ; Waltero de Winterborn' ; Roberto de Clavill' ; Waltero de la Fordlane ; Rogero de la Mora ; Roberto de Mordon et Mathia de Winterborn', capellanis ; Willelmo, persona de Cereberge¹ ; Philippo de Clavill' ; Petro de Winterborn' ; et multis aliis.

Seal missing.

[c. 1225 ?]—Grant by Aucherius, son of William son of Frone de Boneye,² to God and the hospital of St. Anthony at Lenton', in frankalmoin, of three roods of meadow in the territory of Boneye, lying in a meadow called "Longedidole" between a meadow that belonged to William Cholle and a meadow that belonged to Hugh son of William, with a turbary adjoining, "tenendas et habendas adeo libere, quiete, et solute sicut aliqua elemosina liberius, quocius et solucius potest dari."

Witnesses : Sir Peter de Stanford, Sampson de Leyc, John de Leyc, Robert de Rempston,³ Martin de Boneye, Thomas son of Fabian, Nicholas le Hayward, William son of Lipolf.

Seal in white wax, with a fleur-de-lys. Inscription much worn.

[c. 1225 ?]—⁴Grant by William 'filius Dreu de Harum'⁵ to the convent of Wattona of 14 bovates of land that they have of his fee in Briddesal' [Birdsall, co. York].

Witnesses : John son of Sir Gilebert de Briddesal' ; Walter Wacelyn ; Richard de Berneville ; Thomas Wacelyn ; Thomas the chaplain of Hahwrd ; William Wacelyn ; William de Bergtorpe⁶ ; Richard son of Alice de Briddesal' ; William de Boketona⁷ ; John de Maltona ; Ralph the Clerk.

Seal in red wax with a running hare with floriated back ground. Inscription : + S' WILL'I DE HARVM.

[c. 1225 ?]—Grant by Basilia, daughter of Simon Albus of Len' [Lynn co. of Norfolk] to Eudo son of Adam de Len' of her rent from the land and buildings in Len' in Wyngate, lying between the land that belonged to Peter son of Swethman and

¹ Charborough, now merged in the parish of Morden, co. Dorset.

² Bunney, co. Notts.

³ Rempston, co. Notts.

⁴ This deed is in the chest of Birdsall evidences (see above, page 2, note 8).

⁵ Harome, co. York. There are several men bearing the name of Drogo (Drew) de Hairum in the Rievaulx Chartulary in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. One of them held a knight's fee in Yorkshire in 1166 under Everard de Ros (*Red Book*, i., p. 432 ; *Liber Niger*, p. 324). William de Harum is mentioned in the *Testa de Nevill*, p. 364.

⁶ Barthorpe, parish of East Acklam, co. York.

⁷ Botton, co. York.

the land that belonged to Herbert de Bynetre, in breadth and length from the said street to "magna ripa."

Witnesses: Bartholomew de Belvaco, then mayor of Len', Hugh Lambert, Deodatus de Wyngate, Thomas the Young (*Juvene*), Geoffrey, his son, John Lemerlay, John de Bedeford, Gilbert Vernun, Richard Lambert, Reginald Lupus.

There are two other deeds relating to this land.

[c. 1225]—Grant by Robert de Mainil to Walter de Turgilisbi [Thirkleby, East Riding of co. York] of land in Swavetorp [Swaythorpe, parish of Kilham, co. York].

Omnibus visuris vel auditoris cartam istam, Robertus de Mainil,¹ salutem.

Noveritis me concessisse, dedisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse Waltero de Turgilisbi,² filio Thome de Turgelisbi, et heredibus suis, vel cui assignare voluerit, pro homagio et servicio suo, duas carucatas terre in Swavetorp, cum toftis et croftis, et cum omnibus pertinentiis et libertatibus et aisiamentis suis, infra villam et extra, sine ullo retenemento, illas, videlicet, quas Walterus filius Walteri de Torp mihi dedit et carta sua confirmavit pro homagio et servicio meo: tenendas et habendas de me et [heredibus] meis illi et suis, ita libere et quiete ab omni servicio seculari et exactione sicut ego predictam terram tenui, videlicet, faciendo tantummodo forinsecum servicium quantum pertinet ad duas carucatas terre, unde quindecim carucate terre faciunt feudum unius militis. Et ego et heredes mei warantizabimus predicto Waltero et heredibus suis, vel assignatis ejus, predictam terram cum pertinentiis contra omnes homines in perpetuum.

Hiis testibus: R. prior[e] de Kyrkeham³; Radulfo de

¹ This can hardly be the Robert de Mesnill (Maisnill, Mednill, etc.) who occurs in 1201 (see the note in the Guisbrough Chartulary, Surtees Soc., ii., p. 79), a tenant of the archbishop of Canterbury, to whom the wardship of his lands and heirs was granted in 1217 (*Rotuli Chartarum*, p. 173b; *Rot. Litt. Claus.*, i., pp. 77, 93b). His son was still a minor in 1219 (Memoranda Roll, 3 Henry II., cited in Guisbrough Chartulary, Surtees Soc., ii., p. 80 note; cf. *Rot. Litt. Claus.*, i., p. 389a). Another Robert de Mesnill returned to the king's allegiance in 1217, and had restitution of his lands (*Rot. Litt. Claus.*, i., p. 301a, b) by order to the sheriff of York (*Ibid.*, p. 375b). He was probably the Robert de Mesnill who owned the castle of Huervelton [Whorlton-in-Craven, co. York], which was ordered to be delivered to Hugh de Balliol in 1216 (*Rot. Litt. Pat.*, p. 164b). Robert de Maynill witnessed a deed in 1227 (*Register of Abp. Gray*, Surtees Soc., p. 225, note †). In 1228 an assize of novel disseisin was brought against Robert de Mesnill concerning a tenement in Heninton [co. York?] (*Patent Rolls 1225-1232*, p. 280). He was outlawed in 1229 in co. York with other men for killing a man (*Close Rolls 1227-1231*, p. 207). His lands in co. Derby were handed over to Matthew de Havereseche [Hathersage], the chief lord, in 1230 (*Ibid.*, p. 416), who was a kinsman of an Isabel de Mednill (*Excerpta e Rot. Finium*, i., p. 176). In 1230 Robert de Mednill had letters of protection because he was going in the king's service to parts beyond the sea (*Patent Rolls 1225-1232*, p. 361). Robert de Menil, son of John de Menil of East Rounton, co. York, was a party to a fine levied in 1257 (Guisborough Chartulary, ii., p. 68).

² Cf. Whithy Chartulary, Surtees Soc., pp. 205, 228.

³ Not mentioned in the list of priors in the *Monasticon*, vi., p. 207. A prior Richard is mentioned, without any indication of date, in the Rievaulx Chartulary, pp. 238, 299, 404.

Fribi¹; Thoma de Lutton²; Thoma de Heselertun³; Alano Bonifaz; Galefrido clerico Gartone⁴; Gerardo de Turgesbi; Roberto Burser; Waltero de Wartria⁵; Johanne de Risses⁶; et alii.

1231.—Agreement between abbot Richard, and the convent of Cerne and Robert de Blockeswrd' concerning rights of common, etc., in Blockeswrd [Bloxworth, co. Dorset].

Anno ab Incarnacione Domini M^oCC^oXXXI^o facta fuit hec conventio inter Ricardum, abbatem de Cern', et ejusdem loci conventum, ex una parte, et Robertum de Blockeswrd', ex altera parte, super variis querelis inter eos motis, videlicet, quod predicti abbas et conventus concesserunt dicto Roberto et heredibus suis imperpetuum rationabile estuverium suum sine wasto in Goare⁷ et Beorhtlea, per visum servientis vel prepositi de Block[eswrd'] abbatis, ita quod si neuter eorum vocatus adesse voluerit, predictus Robertus capiet rationabile estuverium suum sine wasto, et habebit communam pasture et drovam⁸ in bosco de Waterlea cum abbate per totum annum, et nichil aliud ibi habebit. Et postquam fenum abbatis remotum fuerit a pratis de Blockeswrd', habebit communam in illis, et ante si abbas sua averia ibi posuerit. Similiter in stipula postquam bladum asportatum fuerit. Et habebit chiminum versus Marecnolle ad sarclandum et metendum et videndum bladum suum. Et predicti abbas et conventus remiserunt et quietum clamaverunt omne cariagium et scutagium dicto Roberto et heredibus suis. Remiserunt etiam omnem calumpniam factam de assarto juxta Waterlea versus austrum, et de particulis acrarum in campo, et de muro et porta et domibus suis, et placea clausa ad austrum domus sue, salvo abbati et suis chimino solito. Et tenentes Roberti in villa de Blockeswrd' habebunt communam pasture cum hominibus abbatis. Et quando abbas accipit pannagium et herbagium de hominibus suis, Robertus et heredes sui accipient de suis. Et dictus Robertus remisit et quietam clamavit, pro se et heredibus suis, dictis abbati et conventui totam terram Bruere, quam dicti abbas et conventus recuperaverunt super Robertum de Portun', salva Roberto et heredibus suis communa in eadem Bruera in turbis et bruera et pastura. Et pro hac remissione et quieta clamancia dicti abbas et conventus dederunt dicto Roberto viginti et quinque solidos. Et dictus Robertus reddidit dictis abbati et conventui cartam, quam habuit de illis de eadem bruera. Remisit etiam predictus Robertus,

¹ Firby, co. York (East Riding).

² Lutton, parish of Weaverthorpe, co. York (East Riding).

³ Heselerton, co. York (East Riding).

⁴ Garton-on-the-Wolds, co. York (East Riding).

⁵ Warter, co. York (East Riding). Walter do Wartre witnesses a charter in 1232 (Whitby Chartulary, Surtees Soc., p. 141, note 7).

⁶ Rise, co. York (East Riding).

⁷ Gore Fields and Heath, parish of Morden.

⁸ The right of driving cattle.

pro se et heredibus suis, dictis abbati et conventui totum jus quod habuit, vel habere potuit, in placea ubi Lhoge¹ site erant tempore gwerre, quas antecessores dicti Roberti levaverunt, et assartum de Bernardeslea. Et ut hec predicta rata sint et firma, abbas et conventus apposuerunt sigilla sua parti cyrographi remanenti dictis Roberto et heredibus suis; et dictus Robertus apposuit sigillum suum parti cyrographi remanenti dictis abbati et conventui.

Hiis testibus: Alvredo de Nichol'; Henrico filio Nicholai, tunc Constabulario de Corf; Jordano Oliver'; Willelmo de Wudiete; Thoma le Brutun'; Galfrido de Nich[ol']; Roberto de la Stana; Waltero de Winterburn'; et multis aliis.

Seal missing.

[c. 1240]—Grant from William son of Osbert the Red (*Ruffus*), of Nottingham to Ralph son of Sewall² of Nottingham, of a piece of land in the French Borough (*in Burgo Gallico*) of Nottingham, lying between le Bereworde Gate and the messuage that the donor sold to Walter de Radeclive, his brother in law (*sororius*), which land measures in breadth in front towards the great street (*strata*) 20 feet, and the end measures 16 feet in breadth, and containing in length from the great street on (*versus*) the market as far as to the house that the donor sold to Amiot the Jew³; rendering therefore 3*d.* yearly to the king at the terms of the king's ferm.

Witnesses: Robert Bugge and A[u]gustin son of Goffe, then Reeves (*Prepositi*) of the French Borough of Nottingham; Ralph Bugge; Ralph⁴ and Richard,⁴ his sons; A[u]gustin Godard; Walter Bonde; Henry le Arch[er]; Henry le Waite; William Botild; Thomas de Willeford.

Small red seal.

[c. 1240]—Confirmation by Ivo son of Ivo le Bretun to Ralph Bugge, of Nottingham, and Margery, his wife, of six bovates of land in Wilweby, together with the grantee's chief messuage, and a rent of 6*d.* from two bovates of land; rendering therefor 4*s.* 6*d.* yearly for all service, etc.

Witnesses: Sir Amaury (*Amarico*) de Nuers, Sir Richard de Wiverton, Hugh de Rempiston, Robert de Rutinton,

¹ 'Lodges,' encampment.

² See *Records of the Borough of Nottingham*, i, p. 364.

³ Amiot ben David, a Jew of Nottingham, made a general release to a de Normanville of all claims up to 15 Henry III. (1230-1), and, as Amiot ben David Lombard of Nottingham, released Thomas Brien of Radcliffe-on-Soar [co. Notts] from all claims up to Midsummer, 1255 (*Shetaroth, Hebrew Deeds of English Jews*, ed. M. D. Davis, London, 1888, Publications of the Anglo-Jewish Historical Exhibition, no. 96, p. 221, no. 111, p. 239). In 1242-3 as Amiot son of David the Jew of Nottingham he made fine in 200 marks to have quittance of his father's debts to the king and to have his father's lands, pledges and chattels (*Excerpta e Rotulis Finium*, i, p. 380; Pipe Roll, 27 Henry III, Notts and Derby).

⁴ See *Calendar of Patent Rolls 1247-1268*, pp. 23, 186, 411.

William Poynce, Richard Pite, Gerbod de Crouill, Stephen de Brocton', Geoffrey Jurdon, Geoffrey Bugge.

Green seal with eagle displayed, and the inscription :
 + SIGILL' IWONIS LE B[RET]VN.

[c. 1240?]-Grant by Sibyl de Bello Campo, late the wife of Henry Puterel, of Thurmunston [Thrumpton, co. Notts], to Henry de Matloc, of a bondman in Beston [Beeston, co. Notts].

Sciant presentes et futuri, quod ego Sibilla de Bello Campo, quondam uxor Henrici Puterel de Thurmunstun, ex consensu et bona voluntate filii mei Henrici Puterel de Bestun, vendidi et quietum clamavi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Henrico de Matloc Johannem filium Roberti in Angulo de Bestun, quondam nativum meum, et catalla sua, cum tota sequela sua, et jus et clamium, quod in eo et in catallis suis cum tota sequela sua habui vel habere potui: tenendum et habendum dictum Johannem et tota catalla sua cum tota sequela sua, absque ulla calumnia, dicto Henrico et heredibus suis de me et heredibus meis quiete in perpetuum, ita quod predictus Johannes cum omnibus catallis suis et cum tota sequela liber sit apud me et apud omnes alios homines amodo in perpetuum. Ego vero Sibilla predicta de Bello Campo et filius meus Henricus et heredes nostri quietam clamanciam corporis predicti Johannis et sequele sue dicto Henrico et heredibus suis contra omnes homines et feminas warantizabimus in perpetuum. Pro hac autem vendicione et quieta clamacione et presentis carte mee confirmacione, dedit michi predictus Henricus unam dimidiam marcam. Ut hec autem vendicio et quieta clamacio et presentis carte confirmacio rate et stabiles permaneant, huic scripto inpressionem sigilli mei una cum inpressionem sigilli filii mei Henrici feci ap[ponere] (*sic*) in testimonium.

Hiis testibus: Galfrido le (*sic*) Vildebef¹ de Chilvellia², Roberto Aucepe de Hadinbur³, Willelmo de Mamecestre, Radulfo filio Silvestri de Bestun, Gervasio fratre ejus, Rogero clerico de Bestun, Roberto de Stretleyhe⁴, Hugone Chince de Bestun, et multis aliis.

Green seal, with figure of a woman in a long cloak bearing a hawk on her right wrist, inscribed: SIGILL' SIBILLE DE BELLO CAMPO. The other seal is smaller, and has the device of a fleur-de-lys and the inscription: S' HENRICI PVTEREL.

[c. 1250?]-Confirmation by Robert de Ros, son and heir of Sir William de Ros, to the convent of Watton' of 12 bovates of land [*i.e.*, a carucate and a half]⁵ in Bridesale [Birdsall, co. York].

Witnesses: Sir Alexander de Kirketon, knt.; Sir Thomas de Heselerton, knt.; Sir Geoffrey Agilun, knt.; Geoffrey

¹ Cf. *Testa de Nevill*, p. 13b; Thoroton, *Notts*, p. 95a.

² Chilwell, co. Notts.

³ Attenborough, co. Notts.

⁴ Strelley, co. Notts.

⁵ See the charters at pp. 1, 3 above.

de Holbech ; Peter de Santon ; Richard de Berneville ; John de London' ; Adam Daniel ; William Arnald, of Hoton.¹

[c. 1250]—Release by Henry son of Henry Puterel of Thurmunton [Thrumpton, co. Notts] to Roger son of Ralph de Beston, of "Johannem filium Roberti de Beston cum tota sequela sua et cum omnibus catallis suis liberum hominem solutum et quietum ab omni naivagio servitutis in perpetuum, ita quod nec ego nec heredes mei nec ullus per nos nec pro nobis in predicto Johanne nec in sequela sua nec in cattallis suis de cetero vindicare nec exigere poterimus, non obstante legis vel regis remedio." For this demission and release Roger has paid him 28s. beforehand. Henry and his heirs shall warrant John with all his offspring and chattels to Roger [as] a free man and quit of all bondage service.

Witnesses: Geoffrey de Wildebef, Robert le Osilyur, William de Mamecestre, Ranulph son of Achard, Gervase son of Selvester, Robert his brother, and others.

Seal missing.

[c. 1250 ?]—Grant by brother Hugh, prior of Lenton, and the convent of the same, to Serlo their cook, son of Richard the Cook, of the toft that belonged to Alice de Bilburg in their town of Lenton, for 2s. of yearly ferm ; and two acres of land between Laverkedale² and Athelwelle,³ which his father held, with 1½ acres of meadow amongst the meadows of their men of Lenton, for 26d. of yearly ferm ; and three acres that Laurence de Athelwelle held for 2s. of yearly ferm ; to be rendered with the aforesaid ferms at Martinmas.

Witnesses: Robert de Kirketon, Alan the gatekeeper, Geoffrey son of William, Robert son of Herbert, Ralph Fuket.

[c. 1250]—Grant by Alan⁴ son of Robert Passeys of Suttone, with the assent of Alice, his wife, to Master Philip de Norhamptone, vicar of St. Mary's, Notingham, of 5 acres and a rood of land in the field of Sutton Passeys (including land on Nethergosdic abutting upon "le havedlond Moke vidue" and land between Hugh de Stapilford "et Moke viduam"). Four out the five separate acres adjoin lands of Richard Becok.

Witnesses: Sir Roger, vicar of Baseford ; Sir Hugh, vicar of Lenton ; Sir Hugh de Stapilford ; Master Henry de Karleton ; William Maynard of Notingham ; Ralph le Bere, Adam le Paumer, Richard Bekoc, and John le Paumer, of the same.

Seal in white wax, bearing a fleur-de-lys.

¹ Hutton [High or Low ?], co. York.

² Larkdale, in Nottingham. See *Records of the Borough of Nottingham*, iii, p. 473.

³ The name of a spring in Nottingham. See *Records of the Borough of Nottingham*, i, p. 427.

⁴ Cf. *Testa de Nevill*, p. 16a.

[c. 1250]—Grant by Walter, prior of Worksop, and the convent, to Richard Bugge of the right to have a free chantry in his chapel within his court at Wylgeby [Wyloughby-on-the-Wolds, co. Notts].

Omnibus Christi fidelibus hoc scriptum visuris vel auditoris frater Walterus, prior de Wyrkesop', et ejusdem loci conventus, salutem in Domino sempiternam. Noverit universitas vestra nos concessisse Ricardo Bugge de Notingham' et heredibus suis, quod possint habere libere cantariam in capella sua sita in curia sua de Wylgeby imperpetuum, ita quod capellani ibidem residentes, priusquam in capella celebrent divina, ad matricem ecclesiam personaliter accedant, et ibi corporale prestant¹ sacramentum, quod libertates matricis ecclesie pro viribus suis observabunt, eamque in omnibus conservabunt indempnem. Si contingat processu temporis ecclesiam de Wylgeby in proprios nostros usus converti, nolumus per istam concessionem nobis parari prejudicium quo minus² dictam capellam possimus suspendere, si nobis viderimus expedire. In cujus rei testimonium presenti scripto sigillum capituli nostri apposuimus.

Seal missing.

[c. 1250]—Grant from Baldwin de Frevile, with the consent of Maud, his wife, and of Alexander, his son and heir, to Robert son of Walter le Bufile of Worcester of all the lands that the said Baldwin had of him on the eastern side of the Severn in the city of Worcester or without; to wit, all the field called 'Bernesleye,' and all the land called 'Sparucroft,' and all the field called 'Berefeld,' and an acre called 'Collingesacre,' and all the meadow called 'The French Meadow' (*Pratum Franciscum*); and all rents, etc., within or without the city; rendering therefore yearly a garland of fennel (*unam garlondam feniculi*.)

Witnesses: William Roculf and Adam son of Peter, then Reeves of Worcester; Dom. Peter Colle; Richard Cumin; Richard son of Adam the Steward; William the Frenchman; William Pet.

1256, June 14.—Grant by Matthew, vicar of St. John's [in Bedwardine County, in the city of] Worcester, to Maud de Frivilla, late the wife of Sir B[aldwin] de Frivilla, of permission to have a chantry in her chapel of Crowenest [Crown-east, parish of St. John in Bedwardine County].

Sciant presentes et futuri, quod, anno Domini millesimo ducesimo 1^o sexto, die Mercurii³ proxima post festum Sancti Barnabe Apostoli, ego perpetuus vicarius ecclesie Sancti Johannis Wygorniensis Matheus concessi et permisi Domine Matildi de Frivilla, quondam uxor[i] Domini B. de Frivilla, quod possit habere cantariam in capella sua de

¹ *prestant*, MS.

² *cominus*, MS.

³ *Mercurri*, MS.

Crownest per ydoneum capellanum quando ipsa Matild[is] ibidem fuerit, salvis in omnibus jure et dignitate Domini episcopi et prioris et conventus Wygorniensis et jure parochiali in omnibus et per omnia ecclesie Sancti Johannis, sine omni subtractione¹ et diminucione predialium vel personalium decimarum quocunque jure vel consuetudine ecclesiam parochialem contingencium²; ita quod, antequam capellanus ibidem ministret, presentabitur officiali Domini episcopi, et cum ab ipso admissus fuerit, faciet fidelitatem mihi de omnimoda indemnitatem Vicar[ii] Sancti Johannis, jurando quod sibi nichil retinebit, nec sciet ab aliquo retineri, de aliquo jure parochiali nec de oblacionibus aut preventibus ibidem factis, aut faciendis, quin illud mihi revelet, et totum pro posse restituat vel restitui faciat. Et cum ibi fuerit dicta M[atildis] et ejus familia confessiones et omnia sacramenta ecclesiastica per me vel per meos capellanos recipiant,³ nisi per me fuerint licenciati quod ab alio predicta possit percipere sacramenta. Nullus autem parochianus Sancti Johannis audiet ibi divina in festis diebus preter Dominam M[atildem] et liberam familiam suam et hospites ejus. Ceteri autem accedant⁴ ad suam matricem ecclesiam Sancti Johannis ad omnia sacramenta voluntaria et necessaria recipienda et oblationes debitas et consuetas faciendas. Tenetur autem dicta M[atildis] invenire suis sumptibus omnia necessaria ad ministrandum in predicta capella. Post decessum vero dicte M[atildis] dicta cantaria in predicta capella penitus suspendantur; ita quod heredes ejusdem M[atildis] vel successores sui ex hac concessione ad possessorium vel petitorium non habent jus vel accionem, nisi de voluntate mea vel mei successoris et etiam diocesani plenius reformetur. Tenetur autem dicta M[atildis] ac ejus familia ad generales predicationes in ecclesia Sancti Johannis faciendas venire, nisi fuerint aliqua rationabili causa prepediti. Providebit autem dicta M[atildis], quod nichil indecens vel inhonestum in dicta capella aliquo tempore reponatur; ita quod clavis ejusdem capelle in custodia mei vel successoris mei, qui pro tempore fuerit, dummodo ipsa absens fuerit, remaneat. Quod si predicta M[atildis] vel capellanus suus vel aliquis nomine suo temere venerit contra prescriptam formam et hoc coram episcopo vel ejus officiali eciam sine stepitu fuerit ostensum, vult et concedit dicta Matild[is], quod cantaria in dicta capella necnon et capellanus suus, qui pro tempore fuerit, suspendantur, donec mihi vel successori meo satisfactum fuerit competenter. Super his autem omnibus et singulis fideliter observandis, predicta Matild[is], pro se et pro capellanis suis in predicta capella ministraturis et pro aliis de familia sua, jurisdictioni mee et successoris mei et vicarii Sancti Helene se sponte supposuit, omni appellacione et contradicione remotis. Et ad majorem hujus rei securitatem, prefatus ego Matheus, perpetuus vicarius Sancti Johannis, huic instrumento de sciencia venerabilis

¹ subtractione, MS.

² contingensium, MS.

³ recipient, MS.

⁴ accedent, MS.

patris W. de Cantelup', Wigorniensis episcopi, signum meum apposui. Actum anno Domini M^oCC^oL^oVI^{to}, apud Wigorniam.

1257, April 17.—Deed of A. the prior and the convent of Stodleg [Studley, co. Warwick] binding themselves to admit at the presentation of Sir Peter de Monte Forti and his heirs a person as canon of their house to celebrate for the souls of Sir Peter and his heirs for ever.

Universis Christi fidelibus Frater A., prior de Stodleg', et ejusdem loci conventus salutem in Domino.

Noveritis nos, de voluntate et assensu venerabilis patris W. de Cantilup', Wygorniensis episcopi, promisisse fideliter et teneri nobili viro Domino Petro de Monte Forti, et heredibus suis, quod ad presentacionem ipsius Domini Petri et heredum suorum successive admittemus idoneam personam in domo nostra in canonicum et in fratrem, qui pro animabus eorum et antecessorum illorum divina celebret. Ipso vero canonico mortuo, tenemur admittere loco ipsius, ad presentacionem predicti Domini Petri et heredum suorum, personam aliam idoneam in canonicum et in fratrem, et sic de canonico in canonicum post mortem cujuslibet eorundem in perpetuum successive. Tempore vero medio, scilicet donec post mortem cujuslibet alius admittatur et in presbiterum ordinetur et ad celebrandum sit habilis, tenemur aliquem canonicum de nostris celebraturum cotidie loco ejusdem specialiter deputare. Et si super idoneitate persone presentande, vel de aliis hoc contingentibus, oriatur contencio, episcopus Wigorniensis, qui pro tempore fuerit, vel ejus officialis, vel archidiaconus Wigornensis, sede vacante, vel, ipsis ordinariis forsitan negligentibus in hac parte, iudex alius ecclesiasticus quicumque, quem prefatus Petrus et heredes sui voluerint eligere, cujus jurisdictioni nos et successores nostros jam sponte et absolute subicimus, in premissis decernendi et diffiniendi omnes contenciones hujusmodi per cohercionem quamlibet ecclesiasticam habent potestatem. Ad hec autem firmiter observanda, nos dictus prior et subprior de Stodleg' corporaliter in verbo Dei, pro nobis et conventu nostro, prestimus sacramentum. Et priores et subpriores singuli loci ejusdem in creacione eorum eodem modo prestabunt, se, pro ipsis et conventu, predicta fideliter servaturos.

In cujus rei testimonium presens scriptum sigillo communi capituli nostri fecimus communiri. Datum die Martis proxima post Clausum Pascha, anno Domini M^oCC^oL^o septimo.¹

1259, March 14.—Letter of Richard, earl of Gloucester, agreeing to counsel and support Edward, the king's son, and his allies.

A tuz les feus Deu a ki ceste lettre vendra, Richard de Clare, Cunte de Gloucestre et de Hertteford', saluz.

¹ There are two exemplars of this deed.

Sachez nus estre tenuz par nostre serement, ke fet avuns sur Seynz Ewangiles, a nostre cher Seignur Sire Edward', fiz eynez le Rei d'Engleterre, ke nus leaument aideruns, a tut nostre poer, a l'avant dit Sire Edward' en bone fei cuntre tuz a dreit, e le conseilheruns en tutes ses bossoignes ke li tuchent e tucherunt, e noméement en ces articles; c'est a saver, ke nus mettrun[s] leaument nostre poer en bone fei ke l'avant dit Sire Edward' eit hastifment ses chasteus e ses terres en sa main e en sun poer, e ke ses chartres ke le rey li ad fetes, ausi ben celes ke tuchent ses bossoignes dela la mer cum de cea, soient tenues e parfurnies, solun la tenur de meime celes chartres.

Derichef, nus sumes tenuz par nostre serement, e leaument promettuns, ke nus les amis e les aliez l'avant dit Sire Edward—c'est a saver, Sire Henri le fiz le Rei d'Alemaigne, Sire Johan', Cunte de Warenn', Baudewyn de L'Isle, Phelipp' Basset, Esteven' Lungespee, Robert Walerand, Roger de Clifford, Roger de Leiburn, Johan' de Vaus, Warin de Bassingburn', Hamon le Estraunge, e William' la Zuch—aiderun[s] e meyntendrun[s] leaument en bone fei en lur bossoignes, dreit fesant e dreit pernant.

E l'avant dit Sire Edward, par sun serement e par ses lettres, ke nus avun[s] devers nus, est tenu a meime ceo fere a nos amis e a nos aliez—c'est a saver, Sire Roger le Bigod, Cunte de Norfolk' e de Suffolk' e Marescall' d'Engleterre, Sire William' de Forz, Cunte de Abemar', Hue le Bigod, dunc Justise d'Engleterre, Henri de Perci, Roger de Sumery, Robert de Brus, Richard de Munfichet, William' de Say, William' de Breus', et Johan' D'Eyvill'.

E si par [aventure] aveneit,—ke ja Deu ne voille!—k'en nul de ces articles avant nomez descorde sursit entre nus e l'avant dit Sire Edward, e cunue chose ne fut de quel part le tort serreit, nus sumes obligés par cest nostre escrit, e voluns e grauntuns, ke nus de cele chose esterrun a l'agard de dous prodeshomes, c'est a saver, Sire Henri le fiz le Rei d'Alemaigne, de par Sire Edward', e Sire Hue le Bigod, de par nus, e lur agard en ceo tendruns e parfurniruns. E s'il aveneit, ke ces dous ne pussent u ne se vosissent de ceo entremettre, nus e l'avant dit Sire Edward' sumes tenuz par nos seremenz a eslire autre dous des avant-nomez amis, dunt l'un seit de par nus e l'autre de par lui, e lur agard en ceo tendrune e [par]furniruns. E si [par] aventure aveneit, ke ces dous ne se pussent asentir en cel agard', nus voluns e grauntuns, ke ces dous de lur poer elisent le terz ke seit des avant-nomez, tel cum il verrunt, ke meuz e plus leaument se vodra entremettre pur l'un e l'autre partie, e ceo ke ces treis, u la grey-nure partie de eus, agardera en cele destance leaument tendruns e parfurniruns; e meime ceste chose ad l'avant dit Sire Edward' graunté en dreit[e] fei,¹ e s'est obligé par sun escrit, ke nus avuns de vers nus.

¹ *sei*, MS.

E si [par] aventure aveneit,—ke ja Deu ne pleise!—ke nus flechissuns u cuntrealissuns a nul de ces articles, u des premisses cuntenuz en cest nostre escrit, nus voluns e grauntuns, e priuns trestuz nos amis e nos aliez nomez en cest nostre escrit, ke a l'avant dit Sire Edward' e a ses amis e a ses aliez seent conseillant e aidant, a tut lur poer e tut lur efforz, a justiser nus e destreindre a tenir les articles e les premisses avant nomez e a garder en tutes choses. E s'il aveneit,—ke ja Deu ne pleise!—ke l'avant dit Sire Edward' se flechisit u cuntrealast a nul des articles u des premisses k'il nus deit [par]furnir, il graunte e vot e prie ensement trestuz ses amiz e ses aliez nomez en cest escrit, k'il a nus e a nos amis e a nos aliez seent conseillant e aidant, a tut lur poer e tut lur efforz, a justiser lui e destreindre a tenir les articles e les premisses avant nomez, e a garder en totes choses, si cum il est contenu en ses lettres ke nus avu[n]s [de]vers nus. E a ceo sunt tenuz les aliez en cest escrit nomez d'un part e d'autre par lur serement ke fet unt.

E a greinure seurte de tutes cestes choses avant dites fermement tenir e gardir sanz tricherie, malice, u nule manere de fraude, ensemblent od nostre serement, a cest escrit avuns mis nostre seel, sauvé tuz jurz la fei le Rei d'Engleterre e le cumun serement ke fet avuns as Baruns ke tel est: 'A l'honneur de Deu, e a la fei le Rey, e al pru del regne.'¹

E solement a greinur tesmonage de ceste chose Sire Henri le Fiz le Rei d'Alemaigne, e Sire Johan', Cunte de Warenn', a cest escrit unt mis lur seaus, ensemblent od le nostre.

Ceste lettre fu fete a Lundres, le quatorzime jur de Marz, l'an del regne le Rei Henri, le fiz le Rei Johan', quarante terz. 24.

Seals in white wax of Richard de Clare, Henry of Almain, and the Earl of Warenne.

1259, August 1.—Deed of sale by Coste son of Hugh de Rutintona [Ruddington, co. Notts] to Richard son of Ralph Bugge of a sack of wool from Rutintona, or in default of delivery, a bovate of land in that town.

Omnibus hoc scriptum visuris vel audituris Coste, filius Hugonis de Rutintona, salutem in Domino.

Noveritis me, anno regni Regis Henrici, filii Regis Johannis, quadragesimo tercio, in festo Beati Petri ad Vincula, vendidisse Ricardo filio Radulfi Bugg' unum saccum lane pacabilis mercator[ie] de territorio de Rutintona, vel de lana equivalenti, sine *cod* et *gard* nigra et grisa, et sine vili vellere, pro quadam summa pecunie, quam dictus Ricardus mihi plenarie pre manibus pacavit; quem quidem saccum lane persolvere debeo dicto Ricardo vel suis certis assignatis infra octabas Sancte Trinitatis in anno proximo sequenti predictum festum Sancti Petri per pondus de

¹ The oath taken by the earl, in accordance with the Provisions of Oxford, as one of the twelve councillors elected by the barons to govern the realm jointly with twelve elected by the king (*Annales de Burton*, in *Annales Monastici*, i, p. 448; Stubbs, *Select Charters*, ed. 8, p. 388).

Notingham sine ulteriori dilacione ; ita scilicet, quod si con-tingat, quod dictam lanam ad predictum terminum predicto Ricardo, sicut predictum est, non solvero, concedo, pro me et heredibus meis, quod una bovata terre cum pertinenciis in Rutintona de duabus bovatis terre, quas Hugo, pater meus, tenuit de Galfrido Maukunti in Rutintona, videlicet bovata propinquior versus solem, remaneat quieta de me et heredibus meis dicto Ricardo et heredibus suis, vel assignatis suis, inperpetuum, sicut carta feffamenti testatur, quam dicto Ricardo inde feci, et de qua bovata tradidi dicto Ricardo saysinam usque ad terminum solucionis dicte lane, cum omnibus fructibus, quos inde receperit. Et si dicta lana eidem persolvero, predicta bovata revertatur mihi et heredibus meis, cum fructibus, quos inde receperit, vel valentia fructuum. Ad istam autem convencionem fideliter tenendam affidavi et juravi, et ad majorem securitatem huic scripto sigillum meum apposui.

Hiis testibus : Willelmo Poyne ; Roberto de Thorp ; Willelmo Fabro ; Roberto de Rebe[r]cy¹ ; et aliis.

[c. 1260].—Grant from William son of William the Parson of Lenton [co. Notts] to William Gargat², janitor of the priory of Lenton, of four feet of land near his gate (*porta*) of the land upon which the donor's *solarium* is built, so that he may have ingress with his cart.

Witnesses : Richard de Redinges² ; Robert son of Geoffrey ; William son of Serlo² ; William de Rodes² ; William son of Geoffrey² ; Laurence Hamund².

1260, September 20.—Charter of King Henry III. granting to William de Bray, of Wollaveston, a market on Tuesday in every week at his manor of Wollaveston' [Wollaston], co. Northampton, and of a fair there of three days annually, to wit, on the eve, the day, and the morrow of Saint [Micha]el.

Witnesses : Humphrey de Boum, earl of Hereford and Essex ; John de Plesssetis, earl of Warrewyk ; Henry, son of the King of Almain, the king's nephew ; John Maunsel, treasurer of York ; Eudo la Zhuche ; Humphrey de Boum, the younger ; Robert de Twenge ; Imbert Pugeys ; Hugh de Dyve ; William de Trubelvill' ; and others. At Marleberg'.

Fragment of great seal in green wax.

[Enrolled on Charter Roll (*Calendar*, p. 28).]

[1264].—Order by Simon de Montfort, earl of Leicester, and Hugh le Despenser, justiciary of England, to the bishop of Coventry and Roger de Leiburn, to conduct in person Sir Edmund, the king's son, and the constable of Dover castle

¹ Cf. Thoroton, *Notts*, p. 54a ; *Testa de Nevill*, p. 19b. The name is to be read Rebercy not Reberti, as in *Rotuli de Oblatis*, p. 75, as it derived from Rubercy in Normandy, canton of Trévières, arrond. of Bayeux, depart. of the Calvados.

² See *Records of the Borough of Nottingham*, i, p. 365, No. IX.

for the purpose of delivering that castle to the bishop of London, in accordance with the articles agreed upon between the king and his barons.¹

Venerabili in Christo patri R., Dei gracia, Conventr[ensi] et Lich[efeldensi] episcopo et dilecto sibi Rogero de Leiburn, S. de Monte Forti, comes Leycestr[ie], et Hugo le Dispenser, justiciarius Anglie, salutem.

Ex parte domini regis et baronum suorum vobis mandamus, quod in personis vestris propriis salvum et securum conductum faciatis dilecto nobis domino Edmundo, filio ejusdem domini regis, et Roberto de Glaston', constabulario castr[is] Dovor[ie], quibus idem dominus rex dedit in mandatis quod castrum predictum liberent venerabili patri H. Londoniensi episcopo, custodiendum in forma inter dominum regem et barones suos provisum, ita etiam, quod hii, qui cum predictis domino Edmundo et Roberto sunt in castro predicto salvum habeant exitum et conductum cum equis, armis et aliis rebus suis. Proviso, quod alienigeni, qui ibi sunt, exinde ad propria sine dampno sibi inferendo in pace revertantur et securitatem habeant auram prosperam expectandi, qua ad partes suas transfretare possint; et quod predictis domino Edmundo et Roberto una cum hiis, quos secum ducent, nulla in persona vel rebus injuria inferatur, dampnum aut gravamen.

Small round seal in green wax, bearing a shield with a lion rampant queue fourchée. Inscription: + S' . . . DE MONTEFORTI. The other seal is missing. Both were attached to strips of the parchment, formed by horizontal cuts at the bottom of the document. 24.

1265, October 26.—Charter of King Henry III. granting to Roger de Leyburn', son of Roger de Leyburn', the manor of Losham,² and all the lands that belonged to Henry son of Thomas Aucher, and all the lands in England that belonged to Ralph de Sandwyco and Stephen Soudan, whose lands were forfeited on account of their participation in the rebellion of Simon de Montfort. If the lands exceed the value of 100*l.* yearly, the excess is to revert to the king.

Witnesses: W., Bishop of Bath and Wells; Philip Basset; Hugh le Bigod; Roger de Mortuo Mari; Roger de Clifford; John de Gray; Robert Walleraund; Robert Aguillon; William Belet; Walter de Burges; Geoffrey de Percy; Bartholomew le Bigod. At Canterbury.

Good impression of great seal in green wax.

[Enrolled on Charter Roll, *Calendar*, p. 57.]

1265, November 29.—Charter of King Henry III. granting to Philip Marmiun all the lands in the counties of Lincoln

¹ This is evidently one of the orders issued by Earl Simon after the battle of Lewes on 14 May, 1264, when the king was compelled to surrender his castles to the victorious barons. See Stubbs, *Constitutional History*, ii, p. 98, *Select Charters*, eighth ed., p. 409.

² Lossenham, parish of Newenden, co. Kent (Hasted, iii, p. 83)

and Northampton that belonged to William Aungevyn; all the lands in Warwickshire that belonged to Giles son of Nicholas; all the lands in Leicestershire that belonged to William le Waleys; all the lands in the counties of Lincoln, Nottingham, and Derby that belonged to Hugh Duket; all the lands in Warwickshire that belonged to Thomas de Endesovr'; all the lands in Lincolnshire that belonged to William de Honyenby; all the lands in the same county that belonged to Robert Hotes; all the lands in Cotes in the same county that belonged to John de Nevill; all the lands in Leicestershire that belonged to Robert de Overton; all the lands and tenements in Lincolnshire that belonged to John de la Lade: whose lands were forfeited on account of their adherence to Simon de Montfort. If the lands exceed the value of 200*l.* yearly, the excess shall revert to the king.

Witnesses: W., bishop of Bath and Wells; John de Warenn', earl of Surrey; Hugh le Bygod; Roger de Mortuo Mari; Roger de Leyburn; Robert Walleraund; Roger de Clifford; Robert Aguillun; William de Aete; William Belet; Walter de Burges; Bartholomew le Bygod. At Westminster.

Good impression of great seal.

[Not enrolled on Charter Roll.]

1265, November 29.—Charter from Henry III. granting to Philip Marmyun all the lands of Stephen de Lund' in cos. Lincoln, York, and Nottingham; and all the lands of William Aungevyn in cos. Lincoln and Northampton; and all the lands of Theobald de Trikyngham in co. Lincoln; all the lands of Hugh Duket in the same county; all the lands of William le Waleis in co. Leicester; all the lands of Ralph le Chamberleng in the same county; all the lands of Thomas de Endesor' in co. Warwick; all the lands of Giles son of Nicholas in the same county, enemies and rebels, who adhered to Simon de Monte Forti, sometime earl of Leicester; provided that the lands are not of the demesnes of the crown. It is provided that if the value of the lands exceed 200*l.* of land yearly, the excess shall revert to the king.

Witnesses: W. bishop of Bath and Wells; John de Warena, earl of Surrey; Hugh le Bygod; Roger de Mortuo Mari; Roger de Leyburn; Robert Walrand; Roger de Clifford; Robert Aguyun; William de Aete; William Belet; Walter de Burges; Bartholomew le Bygod. At Westminster.

Good impression of great seal.

[Not enrolled on Charter Roll.]

1268, August 16.—Letters patent of King Henry III. granting to Roger de Leyburn the manor of Bradeleye.

H[enricus], Dei gracia, rex Anglie, dominus Hibernie, et dux Aquitanie, omnibus, ad quos presentes littere pervenerint, salutem.

Sciatis, quod in partem recompensacionis debitorum, in quibus tenemur dilecto et fideli nostro Rogero de Leyburn', dedimus et concessimus eidem Rogero, quantum in nobis est, manerium de Bradeleye, cum pertinentiis, quod fuit Roberti Russel, capti et in prisiona nostra detenti pro morte cujusdam hominis, quem interfecit, ut dicitur, si ipsum Robertum super feloniam illa sibi imposita convinci contingat et manerium illud nobis accidere occasione felonie predictae: habendum et tenendum eidem Rogero et heredibus suis imperpetuum, faciendo servicia inde debita et consueta; ita tamen, quod tantum decidat eidem Rogero in debitis predictis quantum predictum manerium valet per extantam inde faciendam per tales, quos ad hoc duxerimus deputandos.

In cujus rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste meipso apud Lincolniam, xvj. die Augusti, anno regni nostri l. secundo.

Fragment of great seal in white wax attached to tongue of the parchment.

[1269-70]—Deed of sale by Ralph de Donjon, canon of London, to Sir Philip Marmion of his land in St. Swithun's Street, London.

Sciatis presentes et futuri, quod ego Radulphus de Donion, canonicus London',¹ vendidi et quietam clamavi et foris-affidavi extra me et heredes meos, et presenti carta mea confirmavi nobili viro domino Philippo Marmion totam terram meam, cum domibus, redditibus, gardinis, et omnibus suis pertinentiis suis integre, quam habui in civitate London' in vico Sancti Swithuni ex parte aquilonari et Candelwicstrate et in eadem parochia, de feodo domini Roberti Aguyllon, scilicet quicquid ibidem habui et habere debui in terris, edificiis, redditibus, et gardinis, lignis et lapidibus, in longitudine et latitudine, et in rebus cunctis, sine aliquo retenemento, sicut melius distinguitur et plenius in cartis, quas inde [de] dicto domino Roberto Walterus de Standon habuit et ego predictus Radulphus de predicto Waltero; qu[as] qu[idem] cartas cum presenti carta et cum plenaria seisina dicto domino Philippo liberavi: habendam et tenendam eidem domino Philippo et cuicumque vel quibuscumque et quando dare, dimittere, vendere, legare, vel quocumque alio modo assignare voluerit, et heredibus eorum, libere, quiete, bene, et in pace, extra me et heredes meos in liberam et perpetuam et finalem vendicionem et quietam clamacionem imperpetuum; reddendo inde annuatim predicto domino Roberto et heredibus suis debita servicia, que continentur in

¹ Prebendary of Islington (Newcourt, *Repertorium*, p. 166; Hennessy, *Novum Repertorium*, p. 32).

predictis cartis, quas dicto domino Philippo liberavi. Et sciendum est, quod ego predictus Radulphus et heredes mei, sive aliquis per nos vel pro nobis, nullo modo poterimus nec debemus decetero habere jus vel clamium in predicta terra cum domibus, redditibus, gardinis, et pertinentiis, nec aliquid inde exigere nec reclamare inperpetuum. [Pro h]ac autem mea finali vendicione, quieta clamacione et forisaffidacione, dedit michi predictus dominus Philippus centum et sexaginta marchas argenti. Et ut hec mea finalis vendicio, quieta clamacio et forisaffidacio rata et stabilis inperpetuum permaneat, presentem cartam sigilli mei impressione roboravi.

Hiis testibus: Domino Hugone filio Otonis, tunc constabulario Turris; Roberto de Cornhulle, Thoma de Basinges, tunc vicecomitibus London'; Matheo Boquerel, tunc aldermanno illius warde; Waltero Hereui; Willelmo de Dureaume; Edwardo le Blont; Johanne Gouarre, et multis aliis.

Seal missing.

1269, June 23.—Acknowledgment by Brother Stephen de Fuleburn, treasurer of the Hospital of Jerusalem in England, of receipt in the conventual church of St. Bartholomew, London, from Sir John de Grey, son of Richard de Grey, of 500 marks for the use of Sir Roger de Leyburn for part of John's ransom for his lands, setting out Roger's letters patent, dated at London, on Tuesday after SS. Peter and Paul, 52 Henry III, appointing the said Stephen, preceptor of St. John's Hospital, London, his attorney to receive and keep in deposit all the money due to Roger from certain debtors, to be paid to Stephen at that house. Sealed by Brother Roger de Veer, prior of the Hospital in England, and by Stephen.

Small round seal in black wax with a shield bearing three six-foils, two and one; inscription: + [S]I[GILLVM: FR[A]TRIS: ROG[E]RI: DE: VER.

1273, May 3.—Demise by Sir Philip Marmion to Master Roland de Sene [Siena], advocate, of his house in the parish of St. Swithun, London, reserving to Sir Philip the right of residing therein when he comes to London.

Notum sit omnibus presens scriptum visuris vel auditoris, quod inter Dominum Philippum Marmiun, militem, ex parte una, et Magistrum Rolandum de Sene, advocatum, ex altera, ita convenit: videlicet, quod dictus Dominus Philippus dimisit prefato Rolando domos suas positas Lond[oniis] in parochia Sancti Swithuni, in quibus dictus Dominus Philippus consuevit habitare, usque ad festum Sancti Michaelis proximo venturum; ita quod liceat Domino Rolando inhabitare dictas domos in absentia Domini Philippi prefati. Cum vero idem Dominus Philippus venerit Lond[onias], sibi liceat habitare et habere liberam aulam prefate domus et majorem cameram inferiorem, et aleam¹ parvam inferiorem, necnon et celarium et stabulum totum, et coquinam, et solarium ultra

¹ An *alley* or passage.

portam liceat sibi totaliter habere : prefatus vero Rolandus retinebit duas cameras superiores liberas et expeditas, necnon et locum lardarii positum ante aulam. Et propterea dictus Rolandus dabit dicto Domino Philippo iiij. marcas sterl[ingorum], et restituet domos elapso termino supradicto in eo statu, in quo recepit eas, et id quod idem Rolandus probabiliter expendit (*sic*) pro reparacione domorum predictarum, allocabitur sibi in supradictis iiij. marcis.

In cujus rei testimonium duo scripta unius tenoris ex inde sunt confecta : quorum unum residet penes prefatum Dominum Philippum sigillatum sigillo dicti Rolandi, et aliud penes eundem Rolandum sigillatum sigillo Domini Philippi predicti.

Actum Lond[oniis], die Mercurii proxima post festum Sancti Johannis ante Portam Latinam, anno Domini M.CC.LXXIII.

1274, May 20.—Grant by Cristiana, prioress of St. Bartholomew, Newcastle-on-Tyne, with the consent of the chapter, to Sir Gwyschard de Charun and Isabel, his wife, of four 'lands' (*seliones*) of arable land next his land on the north side of Nunneburn; and of all the toft and garden formerly held by Robert the Skinner (*Pelliparius*), lying between land of the late William de Boldum and land of the late Walter the Mason (*cementarius*); rendering therefor 10s. annually. They also grant him licence to take stone for the repair of his wall.

Witnesses : Nicholas le Scot, Mayor ; Adam de Blakeden ; Henry de Burnet ; Adam de Pinipedun ; Hugh de Merthingleya, then Bailiffs ; Thomas de Carl[iolo] ; John son of Roger ; Henry le Scot ; Richard de la Haye ; Robert de Mitford ; John le Flemeng ; Thomas son of Henry de Carl[iolo] ; Robert de Stokesley ; John de Heton ; Henry the Clerk.

Attached are a fragment of the Prioress's [?] seal and the seal of the community of Newcastle, with inscription : "+ COM[M]VNE SIGILL' NOVI [C]ASTRI . . ." and the device of a gateway and tower.

[c. 1275]—Grant by Adam son of Robert de Coshale [Cossall, co. Notts] to Henry son of Perot of Coshale of five 'lands' (*seliones*) of land in Stenen Rydyng, between Adam's land and the land of Roger Everard, abutting upon the Croke de Dyk and upon Brokeshale Yerd, and of a plot of land in which ironstone was formerly dug (*unam placiam terre in qua lapides ferri quondam fod[i]ebantur*), lying between Adam's land and that of the aforesaid Henry and abutting upon the Brode Fildynggate and upon Brokeshale Yerd, in exchange for the heads of four 'lands' lying near the Fildy[n]gate and abutting upon Brokeshale Milne Brok, which heads Adam has caused to inclosed in his court of Brokeshale

Witnesses : William the Clerk of Ryngesdon¹, William the Chamberlain of Cossale, Robert son of Hugh of the same, Eustace the Reeve, Adam son of Nicholas Everard of the Marsh.

1276, June 10—²Agreement between Dame Juliana Bauzeyn, abbess of St. Edward's, Shaftesbury, and the convent of the same, of the one part, and Richard de Gouyz, Hawysia, his wife, and Eudo Martel, of the other part, tenants of the tenement that was held by Eudo Martel and Margery, his wife, in Mapelderton [Mapperton, parish of West Almer, co. Dorset], which they have of the gift of the said Margery, for the settlement of arrears claimed by the abbess and convent, viz., 40*l.* arrears of a certain fine and 75 quarters of wheat of the arrears of the ferm of the said vill of Mapelderton for 52 years, at the rate of 12 bushels yearly, which the parties of the second part claim to have rendered by the measures (*modios*) contained in the old charter of feoffment. The abbess and convent release all claims for arrears in consideration of the payment to them of 40 marks, and the tenants agree to render them in future the rents and services contained in a fine made at Westminster in a month from Easter, 8 Henry III., between Amicia, abbess of St. Edward's, demandant, and Eudo Martel and Margery, his wife, deforciant, which is set out in full.

Witnesses : Sir Ralph de Albaniaco, knt. ; Sir William de St. Martin, knt. ; Sir Richard de Maneston,³ knt. ; Sir Ralph de Gorges, knt. ; Bartholomew de Brug' ; Hamo de Hacche ; Roger de Purbik⁴ ; Roger Anketil ; Henry de St. Barba.

[c. 1280]—Grant from Maud de Brydone, abbess of Tarrant (*de Loco Regine super Tarente*) and the convent of the same to Walter de Mustirs of a virgate of land in Wynterburne Mustirs,⁵ which Richard le Man held, together with the house and curtilage pertaining to the same, and with the said Richard, his chattels and *sequela* and messuage ; rendering therefor 3*s.* annually and the service due from the said land.

Witnesses : Sir Eudo de Rochford, knt. ; Peter . . . ; . . . de Chaumppayne, knt. ; Ralph Bardolf ; Robert de Crotte ; John Pydelivere ; William Quintin ; Walter de Wilton ; . . . ; Thomas Mautravers ; Henry de Blockesworth ; Henry de Rochford.

Seal with figure of abbess and inscription : SIGILL' ABBATISSE [L]OCI BENEDICI.

¹ Ringstone, parish of Rippingale, co. Lincoln ?

² This deed is cited from the Shaftesbury Chartulary in Hutchins, *Dorset*, ed. 3, iii., 495.

³ Manston, co. Dorset.

⁴ Isle of Purbeck, co. Dorset.

⁵ Now Winterborne Turberville, parish of Bere Regis, co. Dorset.

[c. 1280]—Demise at fee-ferm by Master Richard Turkey to Roger the Wheelwright (*rotario*), called 'of Botlisford,' and to Gonnilda, his wife, of a toft with appurtenances, houses and buildings thereon constructed, in the Bakers' Street¹ (*in vico pistorum*), Notingham, in which William Witheved sometime dwelt, lying between the toft of Jouce the Carter (*le Caretter*) on the west and the toft of Simon the Cook (*coxi*) on the east.

Witnesses : William le Hunte, Roger the Miller (*le mouner*), then bailiffs of the French borough of Notingham ; Richard Becok the elder, Stephen de Watton, Jouce the Carter (*le caretter*), Hugh de Suell' [Southwell], Richard Caudebeck, Robert Hamund, William Clappinsale, William Jaumbes, Laurence Hamund, clerk.

1283, May 2.—Grant by Philip Marmyun to William de Crouebyrihal, chaplain, of the Hospital of St. James, Tamworth, to be held until he shall found his proposed Premonstratensian house by Tamworth.²

Universis Christi fidelibus, ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit, Philippus Marmyun, dominus Castri de Thameworth, salutem in Domino sempiternam.

Noverit universitas vestra, quod cum, in honore Dei et Genetricis ejusdem, omniumque Sanctorum, in primis invocata humiliter Spiritus Sancti gracia, unam domum religionis secus villam de Thameworth de ordine Premonstratensi const[r]uere ordino et affecto, ad cujus sustentacionem inter cetera Hospitale Sancti Jacobi dicte ville assingnaverim, tam de voto proprio quam ceterorum prudentum consilio, dilecto mihi in Christo Willelmo de Crouebyrihal', capellano, premissum Hospitale cum suis pertinenciis, una cum pastura in Asschelant ad quatuor boves et duos equos, qui pro salute anime mee et predecessorum meorum et successorum, omniumque fidelium defunctorum, ibidem personaliter residendo divina celebrabit, libere duxi concedendum ad tempus, videlicet donec viros religiosos dicti ordinis seu capellanos seculares ibidem duxerim ponendos. Hec siquidem sit observata condicio, quod dictus Willelmus ipsum Hospitale, cum omnibus suis pertinenciis et pastura predicta, dictis religiosi seu michi seu aliis secularibus capellanis, quos ibidem morari ordinavero, singnum clipei³ super se bajulaturis, sine contradiccione qualibet, retenimento seu clamio integre reddere teneatur, cum eosdem religiosos seu alios seculares presbiteros ex ordinacione mea vel heredum meorum illic mansuros advenire contigerit et singnum clipei super se portaverint ; ita siquidem quod ipsi religiosi seu capellani seculares ipsum Willelmum predictum tunc recipient in canonicum seu fratrem, v[e]l [s]altem in victu et vestitu tamquam uni canonico

¹ Baxtergate, now known as Wheelergate.

² The effect of this deed is given by Tanner, *Notitia Monastica*, p. 502, from 'Collect. MS. D. Thornton.'

³ Marmion's arms, as appears by his seal affixed to other deeds.

eidem providebunt. Et si contigerit dictos religiosos seu presbiteros seculares ibidem moraturos singnum clipei non posse super se deferre, volo quod habeam potestatem alios vel eosdem sine clipei singno ponendi in prefato Hospitali sine contradiccione aliqua predicti Willelmi, hoc adjecto expresse et intellecto, quod si contingat dictum Willelmum super incontinnencia notari seu divina ibidem celebrare negligenter omittere, quod (*sic*) li[cebit] mihi eundem Willelmum a dicto Hospitali amovere et omnia bona sua ad usus dicti Hospitalis reservare. Et si dictus Willelmus in dicto Hospitali decesserit, omnia bona sua dicto Hospitali integre remanebunt. Ego vero dictus Philippus et heredes mei predictum Hospitale cum omnibus suis pertinenciis et pastura predicta memorato Willelmo usque ad terminum predictum in scema prenotata contra omnes gentes warantizabimus, adquietabimus et defendemus.

In cujus rei testimonium sigillum meum huic scripto cyrographato duxi apponendum. Datum apud Midd[elton], in crastino Apostolorum Philippi et Jacobi, anno Domini M^oCC^o octagesimo tertio.

Hiis testibus: Dominis Johanne de Clinton, Henrico de Sheldon, militibus; Magistro Michaelae de Ermesby; Waltero de Hertrugge; Ricardo de Sheldon; Galfrido Coket; Galfrido ad Crucem de Tham[eworth]; Willelmo Warmon, de eadem; et aliis.

Seal missing.

1287, August 10.—Deed of emancipation by John Venator [Le Hunte] of William son of Walter de la More from all bondage.

Omnibus Christi fidelibus, ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit, Johannes Venator eternam in Domino salutem.

Noveritis me relaxasse et penitus, pro me et heredibus meis vel assignnatis, quietum clamasse omnem exactionem servitutis et nayvritatis et demandam, quas, vel que, habui vel habere potui aliquo modo in Willelmo filio Walteri de la More, vel in catallis suis, seu in sequelis, ratione concessionis vel vendicionis, que Dominus Philippus Marmyun michi et assignnatis meis per scriptum suum de predicto Willelmo, quondam nativo suo, de catallis et sequelis suis, condidit, pro quadam pecunie summa per me predicto Domino Philippo data¹; ita siquidem, quod nec ego Johannes nec heredes mei, nec aliquis per me seu nomine meo, in predicto Willelmo vel in catallis sive in sequelis aliquam exactionem vel demandam ratione nayvritatis vel alicujus servitutis concessionis vel vendicionis possimus vindicare [vel] exigere in perpetuum. Et pro omnibus premissis predictus Willelmus in tota vita sua michi et heredibus meis dabit unum par cirotecarum die Sancte Edithe Virginis quolibet anno in tota vita sua, pro omnibus rebus in perpetuum.

¹ This grant, of the same date, is also preserved. The consideration was 18s.

In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti scripto sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus : Anketino de Insula ; Ricardo Cissore ; Normonno de Midelton¹ ; Rogero de Coningesby ; Roberto filio Hugonis ; Hanr[ico] de la Mere ; Domino Willelmo, capellano de Midelton ; et aliis.

Datum apud Midelton, die Dominica in festo Sancti Laurentii, anno regni² Regis Edwardi filii Regis Hanrici quintodecimo.

[c. 1290]—Grant from Agnes, daughter of the late Richard Bugge, of Notingham, to William de le Ker of a plot of land and the buildings thereon, together with two underground cellars at the end of the said land on the north, lying in the Great Marsh of Notingham opposite the Friars Minor, between the tenements of Hugh de Vilers and of Isolda Dunnyng, extending in length to the tenement formerly owned by her father ; reserving to her the garden (*herbarium*) beyond the two cellars ; rendering therefor 6*d.* yearly to the king, and 12*d.* yearly to the House of the Holy Trinity of Lenton, and to her and her heirs a clove gillyflower (*clavum gariophili*).

Witnesses : Richard Becok, mayor of Notingham ; Richard le Cupper³ and Michael le Orfevre⁴, bailiffs of the same ; Benedict Hunte ; Ralph le Taverner ; Hugh de Vilers ; Robert le Teynturer ; Robert de Spondon ; Thomas Dunnyng ; Hugh the Clerk.

[1292.]—Copy of partition of lands [in Middleton, co. Warwick] between Joan de Ludelowe [daughter and co-heiress of Sir Philip Marmion],⁵ and Sir Alexander de Fryvill [husband of Joan, grand-daughter of Philip].

Ludelowe.—To the purparty of dame Joan de Ludelowe are assigned 2½ acres in le Oversoken on the north ; 3⅔ acres of the portion by right measure in the same field near the spring ; in the field called "Fyveacre" an acre in the

¹ Middleton, co. Warwick.

² *regni*, MS.

³ Mayor of Nottingham, 1301-2 (*Records of the Borough of Nottingham*, i, p. 422).

⁴ Mayor of Nottingham, 1297-8.

⁵ The date of this partition is probably shortly after the death of Sir Philip Marmion in 1291 or 1292 (*Calendarium Inquisitionum post Mortem*, 20 Edw. I., no. 36, i., p. 109), for his lands in Middleton were divided between his daughter Joan, wife of Thomas de Lodelowe, and Sir Alexander de Freville, the persons who receive purparties by this document. Dower was assigned to Philip's widow in 1292 (*Calendar of Close Rolls 1288-1296*, p. 269), and in the same year Alexander demanded his purparty of Philip's lands (*Ibid.* p. 262). Joan's purparty was retained in the king's hands until 1299 by reason of her minority (*Calendar of Close Rolls 1296-1302*, pp. 272, 273). That the lands mentioned in this partition were in Middleton appears by comparison with the partition between the same parties in 1315 of the land that Mary, widow of Philip Marmion, held in dower until her death (*Calendar of Patent Rolls 1313-18*, pp. 176, 177), for many of the names of tenants and of the local features there recur. The present document is a copy drawn up, in all probability, some little time after 1315, for most of the tenants holding in 1315 are described as late tenants, the *tenet* of the original having been apparently altered to *tenuit*.

middle of the field, and half an acre in the corner towards the "mor" of W. de Berf[ord] on the south; in the Brokyate-ruyding an acre and a rood near the Wodelone; in the Holwokruyding an acre and a rood near the Holwokridingate; in Bradeleye $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres lying in the Neepruyding; in Mangre an acre lying near the land of Ralph le Botiller on the west; in the Parkfeld $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres and a third of a rood near the park of the dower; in the Hethfeld $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres nearest the park; in the Barremor an acre and a third of a rood in the middle of the field; in Colfeld an acre nearest the land of Roger de Coningesby; in the field of Turteley $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres in the Oversponne near Dryebrokeshaved, which $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres Richard Molden lately held; in the Hovedwod an acre and a rood of land, which John Rowe lately held; in the Marefold $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres, which Thomas Neel lately held; a rood of land that John Hemery lately held in the same field; half an acre of land that Adam de Yrelond lately held in the Marefold; an acre of land in Turteley that John le fiz Adam de Yrelond lately held; an acre and a rood on Turteley that Alice Bate lately held near the Pryursty; an acre that Gilbert del Onheld lately held in the same field; $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres that Henry le fiz Gilbert lately held in the same field; half an acre that Gilbert le fiz Gilbert lately held in the Bircheles; in the Revefeld $3\frac{1}{2}$ roods, $18\frac{3}{4}$ perches of arable land in the *cultura (coture)* near the Morhous near the moor of Gilbert Bate; 1 acre and a third of a furlong and of a rood in the field near Smal Medowe near the land of John Sibily; in the Milnemedowe an acre of meadow towards the meadow of Robert de la Sale; in the Brodemedowe an acre of meadow near the inheritance of Sir Ralph le Botiller; in the meadow that Jaket de la Hyde lately held near the Birchenholt half an acre and a third of a rood lying near the meadow of John Sybily; in the "hale" near the More of William de Blakgreve $1\frac{1}{4}$ roods of meadow near the meadow of Henry le fiz Gilbert; in Smalemedowe a third of a rood of meadow near the meadow of Roger de Coningesby; in the Brokriding two thirds of an acre of several pasture next the Polesheved; in the Poel below Aschecroft a third of an acre lying next the meadow of Robert le Templer; in Leafeld 5 acres and a third of a rood next the highway between Colleshull and Tamworth; in the Monkesmire 5 acres next the inheritance of Sir Ralph le Botiller on the south; in Driebrokeshaved 4 acres and a rood of covert and of waste next the land that Richard Molden held near Driebrokeshaved; on the heath of Turteley $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres of waste next the inheritance of Sir Ralph le Botiller; in the Lindes $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres of covert next the Poleshevedway; 3 roods of covert in the Lyndes next the assart of William le Cunger near the Poleshevedway; in the Lyndesclos $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres next the Holwokruyding.

Fryvill. There are assigned to the part of Sir Alexander de Fryvill $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres in the Oversoken in the middle of the

field where the marlpit (*marler*) is ; $3\frac{3}{8}$ in the same field near the Lydeyateway ; in the field called "Fyve Acre" $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres near the land of Robert le Templer ; in the Brokyateruyding an acre and a rood in the middle of the field ; an acre and a rood in the Holwokruyding near the Lyndeselos ; in Bradeley $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres near the inheritance of Ralph le Botiller ; in Mangre an acre in the middle of the *cultura* (*coture*) towards the Park ; $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres and a third of a rood in the middle of the Parkfeld ; $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres in the Hethfeld near the land of Geoffrey Attehyde ; in Barremor half an acre and a third of a rood near the close of William de Berford ; half an acre that William le Venour lately held in Leefeld ; an acre of land in Colfeld in the middle of that field ; an acre and a rood on Turteley in the Oversponne near the assart of Alice Bate, which acre and rood Richard Molden lately held ; a rood that Nicholas le Hare lately held in the Overfeld of Turteley ; in the Hevedwode an acre that William le Cunger lately held near the land of John Rowe ; in the Marefold $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres that Robert le Hare lately held near the land of Adam the Smith (*le Fevre*) ; half an acre in the Marefold that John Hemery lately held ; $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres on Turteley that Adam de Yrelond lately held near the land of Alice Bate ; an acre and a rood on Turteley that Richard Osbern lately held in the same field ; an acre that Henry Osbern lately held in the same field near the land of Swein atte Asches ; 3 roods that Richard Molden lately held in the same field ; 3 roods on Turteley that Alice Bate lately held near the land that Richard Molden lately held ; half an acre that Richard Osbern lately held in the same field near the land of Swein atte Asches ; $3\frac{1}{2}$ roods and $18\frac{3}{8}$ perches lying in the Revefeld in the middle of the *cultura* (*coture*) towards the Morhous ; an acre and a third of a quarter of a rood in the field near Smalmedow next the meadow of Smalmedowe ; in the Milnemedowe an acre of meadow in the middle of the meadow ; in the middle of the Brodemedowe an acre of meadow near the Birchenholt ; half an acre and a third of a rood next the meadow of Robert le Gynur ; in the "hale" near the "more" of William de Blakgreve $1\frac{1}{4}$ roods lying in the middle of this "hale" ; in Smalmedow the third of a rood near the meadow that formerly belonged to Richard de Scheldon ; in the Brokruyding two thirds of an acre of several pasture near the Oxheye of the inheritance of Joan de Ludelowe ; in the Poel below Aschecroft a third of an acre lying near the Brok ; in Leefeld 5 acres and a third of a rood in the middle of Leefeld of the purparty of the dower ; in the Monkesmire 5 acres in the middle of the three portions there measured ; in Driebrokeshewed 4 acres and a rood of covert and of waste lying next the Rondy-tre ; on the heath of Turteleye $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres of waste next the Barrewayes-ende ; in the Lindes $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres of covert lying next the Barreway ; three roods of covert in the Lyndes between

the inheritance of Sir Ralph le Botiller and the Lyndes-clos ; in the Lyndes-clos 2½ acres in the middle of the Lyndes-clos.

[1294]—Demise by the community of the township of Ruddington [co. Notts] to the vicar of Ruddington of the vicarage houses in the churchyard, herbage of churchyard, household furniture, etc.

Pateat universis hoc scriptum visuris vel audituris, nos Ricardum de Pavelly, militem, Ricardum de Wyleby, Ricardum Martel, Robertum Payne, nomine communitatis villate de Rotington', dimisisse, concessisse, et hoc presenti scripto nostro cyrograffato confirmasse Domino Willelmo de Radeclive, perpetuo vicario de Rotington',¹ omnes domos edificatas in cymiterio Capelle Beate Marie Virginis ejusdem ville, quas Willelmus de Hemmingford, quondam vicarius et predecessor predicti Willelmi de Radeclive, de nobis et communitate predicta tenuit in eadem villa, cum toto herbagio crescente in cymiterio predicto, et cum duobus plumbis in fornasio², et cum una mensa et duobus trestellis eisdem domibus spectantibus, et omnibus aliis aysiamentis suis infra villam et extra : tenendas et habendas de nobis et heredibus nostris et de communitate predicta predicto Willelmo in tota vita sua plene, in pace, et honorifice ; reddendo inde annuatim communitati predictae sex solidos argenti ad quatuor anni terminos, videlicet ad Pascha octodecim denarios, et ad festum Apostolorum Petri et Pauli octodecim denarios, et ad festum Omnium Sanctorum octodecim denarios, et ad Natale Domini octodecim denarios, pro omnibus serviciis secularibus, exactionibus, et demandis : ita scilicet, quod predictus Willelmus omnes predictas domos cum muris et portis inclusas³ adeo bono statu, vel meliori, quo eas recepit, bene per totum sumptibus suis propriis cooperabit et sustentabit, et predictas domos in predicto statu, nisi igne alieno comburantur⁴, seu casu guerre vel fractionis meremii corruantur, predictae communitati restituat⁵. Et si ita forte contingat, quod predictus Willelmus in solucione annui redditus predicti in parte vel in toto ad terminos predictos defecerit, licebit extunc predictae communitati conjunctim vel divisim predictas domos cum cymiterio intrare, saysire, et retinere, sicut jus suum, sine dissaysina vel injuria seu calumpnia predicto Willelmo facienda, quousque de predicta firma predictae communitati plenarie satisfecerit.

In cujus rei testimonium presenti scripto in modum cyrograffi confecto, utraque pars scriptum alterius suo signavit sigillo. Hiis testibus : Domino Ricardo de Bingham, milite ;

¹ William de Radcliffe was instituted vicar of Ruddington on 5 July, 1294 (Godfrey, *Churches of Nottinghamshire*, 1887, p. 79).

² Leaden vats ('leads') fixed over 'furnaces' or firegrates. See *Records of the Borough of Nottingham*, iii, p. 493.

³ *inclusos*, MS.

⁴ *comburentur*, MS.

⁵ *restituet*, MS.

Galfrido fratre suo; Willelmo Marischallo, de Radeclive super Trente¹; Thomas Basilie, de eadem; Ricardo Barri, de Thorlaxton²; Gervasio filio Ysabelle de Keword³; Johanne filio Elie de Brademare⁴; Willelmo Clerico; et aliis.

1295, February 2.—Release by Richard son of Richard Bugge of Wyluby of Robert son of Robert de Strelley and Elizabeth, his wife, from rendering an account of the lands held by the said Richard in sokage in Wyluby on the Wolds (*super Waldas*), of which they had the custody during his minority, and concerning which account he had impleaded them in the king's Court, in consideration of the payment by them to him of seven marks.

Witnesses: Sir Roger de Morteyn; Sir Ranulph de Wandesley⁵; Robert de Kynmarley⁶; Adam de Coscale⁷; William de Bella Aqua; Robert de Aldesword⁸; Robert de Ryseley.⁹

[1304.]—Probate of will of Robert de Bingham, of co. Dorset.

In Dei nomine, amen. Ego Robertus [de B]ingham facio testamentum meum in hunc modum: In primis do, lego animam meam Deo, Qui me creavit, redemit et glorificabit, et corpus meum sepeliendum in cymeterio Beati Andree de Tolr'¹⁰ ex parte australi cancelli ejusdem ecclesie, juxta tumbam Nichole de Tornay, uxoris mee; et ante corpus meum unum bovem. Item in expensis funeris in die sepulture mee, sex marcas. Item do, lego quinque marcas ad unum annuale celebrandum pro anima mea et pro animabus duarum uxorum mearum defunctarum. Item ad fabricam ecclesie de Tolr', ijs. Item ad fabricam ecclesie Sar[esburiensis], ijs. Item do, lego Fratribus Minoribus de Dorsetre,¹¹ dimidiam marcam. Item capelle mee de Staford,¹² iij. solidos. Item do, lego ecclesie de West Cumton,¹³ xiij. Item do, lego Ricardo de Bingham, nepoti et her[e]di meo, unam mazeram, que vocatur 'Gladewyne.' Item do, lego Johanne, uxori mee, unum ciphum argenti cum pede. Item do, lego Radulpho de Bingham, filio meo, unam peciam argenti. Item Domino Johanni de Bingham, filio meo, xs. Item Johanni filio meo, dimidiam marcam. Item do, lego Johanne Terry unam dimidiam marcam. Item Johanni Juel,

¹ Ratcliffe-on-Trent, co. Notts.

² Tollerton, co. Notts.

³ Keyworth, co. Notts.

⁴ Bradmore, co. Notts.

⁵ Wandesley, parish of Annesley, co. Notts.

⁶ Kimberley, co. Notts.

⁷ Cossall, co. Notts.

⁸ Awsworth, co. Notts.

⁹ Risley (Breaston St. Michael with), co. Derby.

¹⁰ Toller, co. Dorset.

¹¹ Dorchester.

¹² West Stafford, co. Dorset.

¹³ Compton Abbas (*alias* West Compton), near Dorchester, co. Dorset.

ijs. Item Thome Coco, ijs. Item do, lego cuilibet de familia, qui mecum stabit tempore mortis mee, vjd. Item Johanne, uxori mee, majorem ollam meam heream¹. Et Ricardo de Bingham unam ollam minorem. Item do, lego Radulpho, filio meo, unam ollam eream, que est apud Staford. Item do, lego in subsidium Terre Sancte ijs., ita quod nichil amplius quacunque occasione in subsidium ejusdem Terre Sancte vendicari possit de bonis meis. Item Hobekino², filio Ricardi³ de Bingham, unam vaccam. Item Hobekino, filio Radulphi de Bingham, unam vaccam. Item do, lego Henrico, rectori ecclesie de Tolr', iij. coclearia argenti. Item Domino Johanni de Bingham, filio meo, ij. coclearia argenti. Et Radulfo, filio meo, iij. coclearia argenti. Et Willelmo de Ringwode, de Staford, iijjs. Item do, lego Johanne⁴, uxori mee, unum anulum (*sic*) aureum cum lapide zaphiri. Item Johanne Terry, unum anulum auri. Item Margarete, uxori Radulphi de Bingham, unum anulum aureum. Item do, lego Henrico, rectori ecclesie de Tolr', unam marcam argenti. Et Radulpho de Bingham unam marcam argenti. Et propterea cetera bona partem meam contingencia, que non sunt specialiter legata, volo quod vendantur, et quod distribuantur pro anima mea juxta dispositionem executorum meorum. Item do, lego Radulpho de Bingham unam mazeram cum pede. Et sunt executores mei Henricus, rector ecclesie de Tolr', Radulphus de Bingham, filius meus, et Johanna de Raleghe, uxor mea.

[*Endorsed* :] Istud testamentum probatum fuit coram nobis, officiali Domini archidiaconi Dors[et'], in ecclesia Beate Marie de Brideport, quinto kalendas Maii, anno gracie M^oCCC^o tercio; et pro eo pronunciamus et commisimus administracionem bonorum Henrico, rectori ecclesie de Tolr', et Radulpho de Byngham, executoribus infra-scriptis, in forma juris, Johannam de Raleghe, propter sui debilitatem, ab honore administracionis presentis testamenti absolventes.

1308, September 9.—Probate of will of Henry, Lord Grey of Codnor [co. Derby].

En le noun du Pere e du Fiz e du Seint Esperit, amen. Jeo Henri de Grey, Seygnour de Codenore, faz mon testament en mon maner de Codenore, le Lundy en lendemeyn de la Nativité nostre Dame, le an del Incarnacion nostre Seygnour mil e treis centz e utyme. A deprimes, jeo devis ma alme a Dieu e a nostre Dame e a touz ses seintz, e mon corps a gesir as Freres du Carme de Eylesford.⁵ E jeo devis a meimes ceus Freres quaraunte livres en amendement de

¹ heream=æream.

² Hobekin, a pet-form of Robert, "Hobekinus filius Radulphi de Bingham" is the Robert de Bingham, son and heir of Ralph de Bingham, of 1334 (p. 93, below).

³ Ricardo, MS.

⁴ Johanni, MS.

⁵ Aylesford, co. Kent, a friary founded by Henry's grandfather, Richard, Lord Grey of Codnor, about 1240.

lur moster e de lur mesons, e le graunt piolé destrer pur aler davaunt mon corps, e ke mon corps seit enterré honorablement sicom apent a mon estat, solum le ordeinement de mes exsecutours. E jeo devis a Richard de Grey, mon fiz, ma bone croiz, ove ma beneizoun; e a Nichole de Grey, mon fiz, le dyamaunt ke Sire Richard de Saundiacre me devisa, e touz mes biens e mes chatels ke sunt en mon maner de Barton¹ le jour desus nommé. E a Luce de Somery, ma fille, une emeraude ke Monsieur Paen Tibetot me dona, e ma beneizoun. E a Dame Johanne, ma fille, nonein de Aconebury,² cent souz. E a Johanne, ma femme, le graunt picher de argent e le hanap a pe, ove les glans sus le covercle, e l'autre hanap a pe blaunc o un emal en my lu, e un picher a ewe, e sis esqueles, e sis sausers de argent des mees, saunz les sowes demeyne, e ma blanche perle. E les aneaus ke jeo penk entour mon col seent a Richard, mon fiz. E a Johanne, ma fille, la compaygne Richard de Grey, mon petit ruby. E jeo devis a Monsieur Roberd de Schirlaunde mon neir destrer pur son bon servise pur deners ke jeo ly dey. E a [Mon]sieur Willeam le fiz Willeam un bon rouncyn de vint mars ou de dis livres. E a Monsieur Thomas de Wokinden' le sor rouncyn de Estaumford.³ E a Monsieur Roberd Saufcheverel deux hanaps de argent plat. E a Margaret de Cromwell' le petit picher de argent au vin, e un hanap plat; e a Johanne, sa soer, un hanap de argent plat. E a Alienor de Chaumflor quaraunte livres. E jeo devis as Freres Menours de Notingham quarante souz. E as Freres du Carme de Notingham deus marcs. E a autres Freres par eyllours solum le ordeinement de mes exsecutors. E al ovraygne del eglise de Lichfeld vint souz. E al ovraygne de la mere eglise de Everwik demy marc. E al ovraygne de la mere eglise de Nichole⁴ demy marc. E a Roberd de Sallowe⁵ le polein ferraunt e le petit polein bay. E a Roberd des Vaus le ferraunt destrer de Fraunce. E a Ernaud de Monteny cent souz. E a Arondel ke ses dettes seent p[aj]ez pur sa femme. E a Johan de Schirfeld cent souz. E jeo veoil ke touz mes gentz de office e touz autres ke me unt servy eent lur servise e seent regardez solum lur estat e solum ceo ke mes biens soffisent. E jeo devis a Thomas e a Henri, mes fiz, mes mesons de Loundres pur eyder a lur avaancement. E jeo veoil ke Margaret' de Cromwell' e Johanne, sa soer, eent touz les moebles de Cromwell' pur totes maneres de dettes. E jeo veoil ke la dame eit sa chambre e ceo ke y apent. E jeo devis a Hugh de Rislep le ferraunt rouncyn ky est apele 'Dycoun' e le bay rouncyn de Estaumford. E jeo veoil ke totes mes dettes seent paez plenerement avaunt ceo ke riens seit fet de mon devis avaunt dit, sauve mon enterment.

¹ Barton-le-Street, co. York (Dugdale, *Baronage*, i, p. 710a).

² Aconbury, co. Hereford.

³ Stamford, co. Lincoln.

⁴ Lincoln.

⁵ Sawley, co. Derby.

E a cest testament leument pursure e porfere, jeo ordeyne e faz mes exsecutors Richard de Grey, mon fiz, e Roberd de Sallowe, Roberd des Vaus, Alienor de Chaumflour, e Hughe de Rislep.

En tesmoygnaunce de q[uele ch]ose a cest testament jeo ay mys mon seel.

[Endorsed with probates before R. de Reddeswell, archdeacon of Chester, vicar of W., bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, *extra dyocesim suam agente*, on 16 September, 1308; acceptance of preceding probate by Thomas de Renes, sequester of W., archbishop of York, at Nottingham, September 19; acceptance of same by the official of Rochester, October 15; probate before Ralph, bishop of London, October 15; and probate before the bishop of Lincoln, October 22.]

1310, March 8.—Grant by Philip le Hunte, of Middilton, to William de Blakegreve of all his lands in Middilton [Middleton, co. Warwick], together with the reversion of all the lands, etc., that Maud, mother of the said Philip, and Margery Norman hold in dower.

Witnesses: Roger de Conyngesby; Anketill de Lyle; Anketill de Bracebrigg; Ralph Osberne; Geoffrey atte Hide; Roger de la Bache; John de Oxton, clerk.

“Et quia dictus Philippus non habuit sigillum, sigillum Henrici, filii Galfridi Gaml, mutuatum fuit.”

1310, June 10.—Grant from Brother William de Tothale, “Sancte Domus Hospitalis Sancti Johannis Jerusalem Prior humilis in Anglia,” with the assent of the brethren of the chapter, to William de Staundon, clerk, and Joan, his wife, of three acres of land in a field called “Stanberewe,” between the land of John de Renesleye on both sides, in the town of Staundon,¹ extending eastward to the way from Staundone to the manor of Plessy,² and westward to the land of Thomas de Gardino, held at will of the said chapter by Nicholas de la Leye.

Witnesses: Brother Robert de Somerdeby; Brother Nicholas de Accumbe; Brother Humphrey de Wykham; Brother Henry de Basynges; Brother John de Messyngham; Brother John de London; Brother William Cosyn, then Preceptor of Staundon. Dated at Melchebourn,³ “in celebratione Capituli nostri ibidem.”

Seal of the Chapter, with counterseal of William de Tothale.

1311, May 23.—Grant from Simon de Lega, “nuncius quondam celebris memorie Domine Alianore, Regine Anglie,” to Gilbert de Wygeton clerk, of all his lands, etc., in the parish of [All Hallows], Berkingchurche, London, in Syvethen-

¹ Standon, co. Hertford.

² Plashes, in Standon.

³ Melchbourne, co. Bedford.

strate,¹ between the tenement of Richard de Gray on the south and "ci[m]iterium Sancti Olavi] versus Turrim London'" on the north.

Witnesses: Richer de Refham, mayor; Simon Corp and Peter de Blakeneye, sheriffs; William de Combe-Martin, alderman of that ward; Roger de Frowyk; Gilbert le Hurer; John de Stratford; William de Finchingfeld; Robert le Maderman; John de Rameseye; John Priour; Benedict de la More; Thomas le Coupere; Simon Tourgys; Ralph the Clerk.

1311, September 5.—Grant from Monsieur Robert de Mohaut, steward of Chester, to Sir John de Bracebrugge, knight, of 10*l.* of yearly rent in Walton, co. Derby. In consideration of this grant, Sir John "a doné et grauté affaire son leal servise de chivalerie a l'avantdit Sire Robert a toute sa vie pour la rente avantdit, aussi bien en temps de pees come de guerre, et en touz lieux ou il besoignera de son serviz, par la ou la presence l'avauntdit Sire Robert serra, et en toutes terres et en touz regions, hors pris la Terre Seynte, quant des foiz et quel hoùre que il serra de lui covenablement garni et maundé, a la mounture et a les robes et a les propres custages l'avantdit Sire Robert resonablement sicome il affiert a chivalier estre trové de son seigneur, et restor des chivaus, de palefroi, de somer, et de rouncyn, son vadlet, son hakeney, et son somer en temps de guerre, solum reasonable pris par l'avantdit Sire Robert prisié."

Small seal with shield bearing a lion rampant.

1312, March 12.—Demise from Roger de Morteyn, knt., for the term of his life, to Richard de Wyluby, the younger, of his manor of Cossale,² with "housbote" and "haybote" by the view of his "wodeward" in his wood of Cossale Lount, and appurtenances, excepting his coalmine (*minero carbonum*), wood, and court of free men and the heriots and ransoms for the lands of the freemen and bondmen (*nativi*), at an annual rent of 4*l.*

Witnesses: Adam de Cossale; Robert his son; Roger de Brunnesleye³; Richard Martel, of Chilwell⁴; John de Aldesworthe.⁵

1314, November 4.—Letters patent of Edward II. granting licence for Roger de Morteyn to assign to Richard de Wylgheby, senior, 80 acres of wood in Wolaton and the advowson of the churches of Wolaton and Cosshale, held by him of the king *in capite* of the Honour of Peverel.

[*Calendar of Patent Rolls 1313-17*, p. 197.]

¹ Seething Lane.

² Cossall, co. Notts.

³ Brinsley, co. Notts.

⁴ Chilwell, co. Notts.

⁵ Awsworth, co. Notts.

1316, May 1.—Demise by Richard de Willoughby to Adam son of Nicholas and to eight other men of Cossale [Cossall, co. Notts] of his mine of sea coal [in Cossall?], with exemption from payment of rent when hindered from working by firedamp.

Hec est convencio facta inter Ricardum de Wilwebi, Dominum¹ de Cossal', ex una parte, et Adam filium Nicollai, Adam le Moner, Johannem Everard, Henricum filium Bate, Galfridum filium Henrici Everard, Evera[r]dum filium Nicollai, Henricum de Kidisley, de Cossale, ex altera, videlicet quod dictus Ricardus concessit et ad firmam dimisit predictis Ade et sociis suis minam suam de carbone marino in una placea terre arrabilis, que vocatur 'le Vytstobbe'; reddendo pro quolibet picoss[io]² per septimanam duodecim denarios quotienscumque operaverint, in parte vel in toto, vel operare poterint, nisi impediti fuerint propter inundacionem aque vel ventum,³ qui vocatur 'le damppe,' tunc illis de societate, qui impediti fuerint, allocentur quamdiu aqua vel *le damp'* durent.⁴ Et si contingat, quod operent⁵ per tres dies, dabunt per diem duos denarios et obolum pro quolibet⁶ picos[io]; si per quatuor dies in septimana, dabunt duodecim denarios. Preterea predicti Adam et socii sui gutturam, que dicitur "*le sowe*,"⁷ propriis suis sumtibus reparabunt. Vult etiam et concedit dictus Ricardus, quod Adam filius Nicollai et quilibet sociorum suorum predictorum, tam in egritudine⁸ quam in sanitate, pro voluntate sua partem suam operis predicti vendere vel ad firmam dimittere vel alicui partem suam concedere possit, excepto Ricardo filio Loce: ita tamen, quod dicto Ricardo de firma sua modo debito respondeatur. Preterea concedit dictus Ricardus, quod nullus operarius ad operacionem⁹ dicte mine sine voluntate et electione dictorum Ade [et] sociorum suorum ullo sensu admittatur. Et ad omnia premissa observanda, quilibet dictorum, pro se et heredibus suis et executoribus suis, obligat se et per se in solucionem et principalem debitorem ad omnia premissa observanda et tenenda. Predictus Ricardus et heredes sui predictam minam in forma prenotata dictis Ade et sociis suis warrantizabunt et presens pactum in omnibus suis articulis observabunt sine fraude.

In cujus rei testimonium sigilla partium huic scripto indentato alternatim sunt appensa. Datum apud Cossale, Calend[is] Maii, anno regni Regis Edwardi, filii Regis Edwardi, nono.

Idem Adam et socii sui¹⁰ implebunt puteos propriis suis sumtibus et reparabunt. [*Cancelled.*]

¹ *Dominus*, MS.

² *Pickaxe* (Old French *picots*).

³ *ventus*, MS.

⁴ *durant*, MS.

⁵ *operant*, MS.

⁶ *quilibet*, MS.

⁷ See Prof. Wright, *English Dialect Dictionary*, s.v. 'sough, 2.'

⁸ *egritate*, MS.

⁹ Repeated in MS.

¹⁰ *sociis suis*, MS.

1319, October 8.—Letters patent of Edward II. granting licence for William de Morteyn to enfeoff Richard de Wylughby of the manor of Wollaton, excepting 26 messuages, 20 acres, 17½ bovates of land, 4 acres of meadow, and 80 acres of wood and the advowson of the church; which manor is held of the king in chief as of the Honour of Peverel.

[*Calendar of Patent Rolls 1317-1321*, p. 393.]

1327, May 6.—Letters patent of Edward III. granting licence for John of Watenowe to enfeoff John le Colier, of Nottingham, of 14 acres of land in Sutton Passeys, held in chief.¹

[*Calendar of Patent Rolls 1327-1330*, p. 100.]

1328, September 4.—Letters patent of Edward III. granting licence for Simon le Jorce, of Wymundeswold,² to enfeoff Richard de Wylughby and Isabel, his wife, of a messuage and a carucate of land in Wymundeswold and Houton,³ held of the king in chief. 188

[*Calendar of Patent Rolls 1327-1330*, p. 318.]

1331, November 11.—Agreement made at London, whereby Estout de Estoteville, son and heir of Monsieur Nicholas de Estoteville, agrees to enfeoff Monsieur Richard de Grey, lord of Codenovre, of his manors of Barton-on-Trente⁴ and Brademere,⁵ co. Nottingham, and to recognize his right thereto by a fine to be levied in the king's court at Westminster in the quinzaine of Easter, 1332, and to make all surety possible in the courts of France and of England. The said Richard agrees to pay him therefor 800*l.*

Witnesses: "Mons. Rauf, Counte D'Eu, Conestable de Fraunce"; Mons. Robert de Estoteville; Mons. Henri de Beaumont; Mons. Raufe de Estoteville; Mons. William de Beseville; Johan de Polteneye, Mayor of London; Mons. Richard de Lacy, John de Graham, and John Priour, "le puysné cyteyns de Loundres."

French.

1332, March 26.—Agreement for the cancelling of a bond in 100*l.*, in which Mons. Baudewyne de Fryvill' is bound to Philip de Hardeshull', upon condition that the said Baudewyne do, between the date of these presents and the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist next, enfeoff John, his son, and Elizabeth, daughter of Mons. John de Hardeshull, and John and Elizabeth's heirs of lands of the yearly value of 30*l.*; and secure them lands of the yearly value of 5*l.* of the land held by Dame Johane, mother of the said Baudewyne, after her death; and secure to them the castle

¹ This occurs in the bundle of deeds of 1 Edward I.

² Wimeswold, co. Leicester.

³ Hoton, co. Leicester.

⁴ Barton-in-Fabis, co. Notts.

⁵ Bradmore, co. Notts.

of Tamworth and appurtenances, together with the tenements held by the said Johane in Middelton, after her death and the death of Baudewyne and Elizabeth, his wife; and make aquittance to Philip of 40 marks, in part payment of 250*l.*, in which John de Hardeshull is bound to Baudewyne for the marriage of the said John, son of Baudewyne, and of Elizabeth, daughter of John de Hardeshull.

1332, April 15.—Letter of Queen Philippa acknowledging receipt from Ida Lestrange, her damsel, of certain crowns and other jewels.¹

Ph[ilipp]e, par la grace de Dieu, Reyne d'Engleterre, Dame d'Irlande, et Duchesse d'Aquitaine, a touz ceux qi cestes lettres verrount, saluz. Sachez nous avoir receu devers nous meismes en nostre chaumbre de nostre ch[er]e damoisele Ide Lestrange les choses souzscrites queles ele avoit de no[us] . . . a garde[r], c'est assavoir, une corone d'or od x. fleurs de ameraudes, une rubie en checun fleur. Item une corone d'or od x. fleurs od emeraudes et rubies od viij. perles, en chescune trosche une rubie en la trosche, et d'autrepart une emeraude. Item une grande corone d'or od x. fleurs od emeraudes et rubies, od trosches de perles, et en chescune trosche viij. perles et une grosse perle en milieu. Item une grande corone d'or od viij. fleurs de grosses emeraudes et grosses rubies, et une trosche de xij. perles et une rubie dedeinz, et une autre trosche d'une emeraude dedeinz, et chescune trosche od un saphir survolaunt. Item une grande corone d'or od grosses rubies, emeraudes, diamauntz, et grosses perles, la quele ma dame la Reyne Isabell nous d[ona] le jour de la . . . ienof l'an quart. Item une croiz d'or od grosses emeraudes, rubies, et grosses perles. Item une ceynture d'orfaverie (*sic*) od emeraudes, rubies et grosses perles. Des queux choses nous voloms que l'avantdit nostre damoisele seit deschargée et quités par cestes noz lettres.

En tesmoignance de queu chose, nous avoms [fetes faire cestes] lettres patentes. Don[é]ez a Estaunford, le xv. jour d'Averill, l'an du regne nostre treschere Seigneur le Roi sisme.

1332, May 12.—Agreement by Estout de Estoutevill', son and heir of Sir Nicholas de Estoutevill', to come over to England at the charge of Richard de Grey, lord of Codenovre, between the octaves of Michaelmas next to come and the feast of All Saints to make such surety to Richard of the manors of Barton and Brademere, of which he had enfeoffed Richard by his charter enrolled in chancery,² as is ordained in the indentures between him and Richard, as the counsel

¹ These jewels do not occur in the inventory of her plate, etc., taken after 1369 (*Archaeologia*, xxxi., p. 377).

² See *Calendar of Close Rolls 1330-1333*, p. 563, and the deed of 11 November, 1331, above.

of the said Richard shall ordain. He also agrees to surrender to him all the muniments of the said manors.

French.

1332, May 28.—Agreement between Henry, bishop of St. Davids, and Richard le Wulf, of Putton in Gower (*Gouheria*), whereby the bishop agrees to deliver Agnes Harald, of Sweynese, to be married to John le Wolf, son and heir of Richard; and Richard agrees to enfeoff Sir Philip de Sweynese, rector of Penmayn,¹ and William de Clynton, as feoffees of the said John and Agnes, of all his lands in England and Wales, excepting a tenement that Macy, his daughter, has of his gift in Kyngestrete, co. Dorset, reserving to himself for his life the manor of Putton and a carucate of land in Nydenench. Many provisions follow.

Witnesses: Sir John, abbot of Certeseye, and Sir John, prior of the same; Sir Philip Harald, of Sweynese; Hugh de Paunton; Walter de Coumb; Nicholas Drew. Dated at Certeseye.

1332, July 25.—Grant from Mons. Richard de Grey, lord of Codenovre, to his daughter Maud, who was the wife of John de Gravesende, of 40*l.* of rent in his manor of Shiryngham,² in exchange for the manor of Gravesende,³ which she grants to him for the term of her life. A long list of the free tenants and "bondes" from whom the said rent is to be received is given.

Witnesses: Mons. William de Herle, Mons. Richard de Wilughby, Mons. Rich. de Lacy, knights; Adam le Duyn; Walter de Enemere; Robert de Brondissh, clerk; Peter de Belegegrave. Dated at Westminster.

1332, September 20.—Grant from John de Brom and Idonya, his wife, to Sir Richard de Wylughbye, knight, and Nicholas, his son, of two plots (*placeas*) of meadow in Carleton near Gedelyng,⁴ which the said Idonya had of the feoffment of William de Bazage, one of which is called "Stondole" and the other "Segdale."

Witnesses: Richard Ingram, of Gedelyng; Roger Duket, of Carleton; and Richard de la Bazage, of the same; John Broun, of Gedelyng; John Moyngne, of Carleton.

1332, November 17.—Grant from Ralph de Camoys, senior, knight, to Sir John Latymer, knight, son of Sir William Latymer, of all the manor of Lasham, co. Southampton, with the advowson of the church, and all his lands in Berkham,⁵ in the parish of Bynteworth.

¹ Penmaen, co. Glamorgan.

² Sheringham, co. Norfolk.

³ Gravesend, co. Kent.

⁴ Carlton, near Gedling, co. Notts.

⁵ Burkham, parish of Bentworth, co. Hants.

Witnesses: Sir Edward de Sancto Johanne, knt.; Sir Thomas Coudray, knt.; Sir John de Roches, knt.; John de Gisorcio, Anketin de Gisorcio, Henry Wymund, Andrew Aubry, Robert Swote, citizens of London. Dated at London.

1333, October 6.—Indenture between Richard de Wylughby, justice of the King's Bench, and Adam de Stayngreve, clerk of Geoffrey le Scrop, chief justice of the King's Bench, concerning the delivery to Richard of rolls and other memoranda of that court.

Memorandum, quod Dominus Rex mandavit dilecto et fideli suo Galfrido le Scrop' breve suum clausum in hec verba:

“Edwardus, Dei gratia, Rex Anglie, Dominus Hibernie, et Dux Aquitanie, dilecto et fideli nostro Galfrido le Scrop', Capitali Justitiario suo ad Placita coram nobis tenenda assignato, salutem. Cum vos, de mandato nostro, ad partes transmarinas in obsequium nostrum sitis proximo profecturus, per quod volumus quod dilectus et fidelis noster Ricardo de Wylughby, una cum aliis fidelibus nostris, placita illa teneat, dum vos in obsequio nostro sic esse contigerit; vobis mandamus, quod rotulos, recorda, processus, indictamenta, et omnia alia memoranda dictum officium contingencia, que in custodia vestra existunt, prefato Ricardo, per indenturam inde inter vos et ipsum modo debito conficiendam, sine dilacione liberetis. Mandavimus enim prefato Ricardo, quod rotulos, recorda, processus, indictamenta, et alia memoranda predicta a vobis recipiat et placita illa teneat, sicut predictum est. Teste me ipso, apud Shene, x. die Septembris, anno regni nostri septimo.” [*Calendar of Close Rolls 1333-1337*, p. 77.]

Pretextu cujus brevis predictus Galfridus liberavit prefato Ricardo apud Eboracum per manus Ade de Stayngreve, clerici ejusdem Galfridi, die Mercurii in Octabis Sancti Michaelis, anno regni Regis Edwardi Tercii a Conquestu septimo, rotulos, recorda, processus, indictamenta, et omnia alia memoranda subscripta Bancum Domini Regis contingencia: videlicet, rotulos placitorum, brevia, et recorda de toto anno regni Regis Edwardi supra-dicti tercio; et rotulos placitorum, brevia, et recorda de toto anno ejusdem regis quarto; et rotulos placitorum, brevia et recorda de toto anno ejusdem regis quinto; et rotulos placitorum, brevia, recorda, essonia et panella de toto anno ejusdem regis sexto; et rotulos placitorum, brevia, recorda, essonia, et panella de terminis Hillarii, Pasche, et Trinitatis de anno ejusdem regis septimo; et rotulum placitorum de termino Hillarii de anno ejusdem regis primo, et recorda ejusdem anni primi, et recorda de anno ejusdem regis secundo; et rotulum placitorum de termino Pasche de anno regni Regis Edwardi, patris Domini Regis nunc, nono; et rotulos de *Quo Warranto* de Itineribus Comitatum Norh[amptonie] et Bed[efordie]; et unum par-

vulum saculum cum diversis indictamentis de Comitatibus Lincoln[ie] et Midd[elsexie], et cum appello Willelmi de Wantyng et falsa moneta; et bagam de Sancto Edmundo; et bagam Willelmi de Ros; et unum parvulum saculum cum sigillis contra-factis¹ de sulfure; et unam bagam cum quibusdam scriptis coram rege propositis et deductis.

In cujus rei testimonium huic indenture tam predictus Ricardus quam predictus Adam de Stayngreve sigilla sua alternatim apposuerunt. Datum apud Eboracum, die et anno supradictis.

1334, February 3.—Grant from Mary de Childecoumbe² to John de Childecoumbe, her son, and Anastasia, who was the wife of Ralph de Byngeham, of all her lands in Westaforde Knyztetone,³ which she had of the grant of Robert de Byngeham, son and heir of Ralph de Byngeham.

Witnesses: Sir William de Whitefeld, knight; Sir Robert de Novo Burgo, knight; Sir Walter Harang, knight; Walter Baril; Henry Schirard; John de Warmwelle⁴; Thomas atte See.

1336, September 26.—Letters patent of Edward III. witnessing that whereas he lately granted to his yeoman William de Eland, for the term of his life, the custody of the Castle of Notyngnam and the bailiwick of the Honour of Peverel in cos. Nottingham and Derby, together with the mills, meadows, pastures, fisheries, rents, profits, etc., pertaining to the same castle and bailiwick, without rendering to him anything therefor; he now grants that William shall have the bailiwick for ever to him and his heirs, on condition that his heirs render to the king yearly 14 marks, which was rendered to the king yearly for the said bailiwick, as the king finds by a certificate of the treasurer and barons of the exchequer. [Not enrolled on Patent Rolls.] 24 (390.)

1336, July 8.—Renewal, at the request of the archbishop of York, by the chapter of St. Mary's, Southwell, of their inspeximus and confirmation, which had been destroyed maliciously, of a charter of Master Simon de Curtemajori, prebendary of Wodeburgh [Woodborough, co. Notts] in that church, emancipating Henry son of William de Wodeburgh, and granting to him the tenement that he held in bondage of the prebend.

Universis Sancte Matris Ecclesie filiis, ad quorum noticiam presentes littere pervenerint, Capitulum Ecclesie Beate Marie Suthwell', salutem in Domino.

Noveritis nos discreti viri Magistri Simonis de Curtemajori, dudum prebendarii prebende de Wodeburgh' in ecclesia nostra

¹ *contro-*, MS.

² Chilcombe, co. Dorset.

³ West Knighton, co. Dorset.

⁴ Warmwell, co. Dorset

Suthwell', cartam inspexisse Henrico filio Willelmi de Wodeburgh' factam eo, qui sequitur, sub tenore :

"Omnibus Christi fidelibus, ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit, Simon de Curtemajori, canonicus Suthwellensis Ecclesie, salutem in Domino sempiternam. Noverit universitas vestra me, de consensu et voluntate . . capituli ejusdem, manumisisse Henricum filium Willelmi de Wodeburgh', et plenam libertatem eidem dedisse, concessisse et hoc presenti scripto meo confirmasse, cum tota sequela sua et cum omnibus catallis suis ; ita scilicet, quod nec ego nec successores mei, nec aliquis nostro nomine, aliquid juris vel clamei in corpore dicti Henrici vel in sequela sua seu in catallis suis ratione alicujus naivitatis vel servitutis de cetero exigere vel vindicare poterimus. Concessi etiam et hoc presenti scripto confirmavi eidem Henrico et heredibus suis unum mesuagium et bovata[m] terre arabilis in villa et territorio de Wodeburgh', que in naivitate sua de me tenuit : habendum et tenendum predictum mesuagium et unam bovata[m] terre cum pertinentiis eidem Henrico et heredibus suis de me et successoribus meis, canonicis de Wodeburgh', libere, hereditarie in perpetuum ; reddendo inde annuatim michi et heredibus meis tres solidos et sex denarios argenti, ad festum videlicet Sancti Martini viginti unum denarios¹ et ad festum Invencionis Sancte Crucis viginti unum denarios,¹ et faciendo inde sectam ad curiam meam de Wodeburgh' ter per annum dumtaxat. Et in testimonium premissorum sigillum meum presenti carte est appensum. Hiis testibus : Magistris Johanne de Peniggeston',² Benedicto de Halum³ ; Domino Johanne de Grauncurt, Domino Ricardo de Upton, Domino Ricardo de Halughton,⁴ Domino Thoma de Normanton',⁵ Petro in Venella de Muscham⁶ ; Ricardo de Normanton, Roberto Brun de Halutton ; et aliis."

Cum nos igitur . . Capitulum Suthwellensis ecclesie supradictum prefatam cartam et contenta in ea per litteras nostras patentes nostro sigillo signatas olim confirmassemus, sicut fidedignorum testimonio legitime probatum extitit coram nobis, hujusmodique littere confirmationis nostre subdole sint subtracte, et per maliciam, quod pejus est, ut dicitur, combuste et penitus annullate, ipsas litteras confirmationis nostre, ad rogatum venerabilis in Christo patris et Domini, Domini Willelmi, Dei gratia, Eboracensis archiepiscopi, Anglie Primatis, innovamus, ac ipsam cartam et contenta in ea ratificamus in perpetuum per presentes, jure, jurisdictione, statu, dignitate et honore nostris et ecclesiarum Eboracensis et nostre semper salvis.

In quorum omnium testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum, presentibus Domino Willelmo de

¹ *denarium*, MS.

² Penistone, co. York.

³ Halam, co. Notts.

⁴ Halloughton, co. York.

⁵ Normanton, parish of Southwell, co. Notts.

⁶ Muskham, co. Notts.

Berecotes, Magistris Johanne de Monte Claro, et Willelmo de Barneby, Canoniceis; Dominis Henrico Ketell', Ada de Neuton, presbiteris, et aliis. Datum in capitulo nostro Suthwell', die Lune proxima post festum Translationis Beati Thome Martiris, anno gracia millesimo CCC^{mo}. tricesimo sexto.

1338, November 8.—Release by Nicholas, abbot of Haghmon, and the convent of the same, to Sir John de Cherleton, lord of Powys, and to his wife, Hawis, of a yearly rent 8s. from the tenement in Salopesburs (Shrewsbury) that dame Isabella Borrey formerly held and inhabited.

Seal of abbey.

[1342], October 9.—Letter from Thomas de Berkelee and Anthony de Lucy to [the Wardens of the East Marches?] giving an account of the movements of David de Bruce in Galloway.¹

Treschers Sires! Nous avoms bien entendue voz lettres, qe nous vindrent yceo Meskerdy a hour' de tirez. Et de ceo, Sires, que vous nous maundetiz qe nous duss[o]ms trer par devers vous pur la venue de nos enemys d'Escoce vers voz marches, voilletz savoir, Sires, que a la fesauntz de cestes nous entendismes par certeynes gentz qe David de Bruys od son host est vers les parties de Galwayth et Loghrynton, et ceo q'ils bient a faire, nous ne savioms a la fesauntz de cestes. Mes, Sires, ascunes gentz nous ount certifié q'ils voillent entrer nostre marche, et si ils tenennt lour purpos a ceo faire, nous vous ferroms savoir hastivement. Et, Sires, si ceo aveyng q'ils entrent vostre marche, voilletz savoir que nous serroms prest de perfourmir voz maundementz, mes, Sires, toutvoys, s'il vous plest, que nous seioms garnitz par tenps.

¹ The date of this letter falls between the return of King David from France on 2 June, 1341 (*Exchequer Rolls of Scotland*, i. p. clx) and his capture at Neville's Cross on 17 October, 1346. Although he attacked the West Marches shortly before the battle of Neville's Cross, this letter does not refer to his movements in that year, for on 10 October of that year he captured Castleton in Liddesdale after five days' siege, whereas this letter shows that on 9 October in the year when the letter was written the latest news at Carlisle was that he was then in Galloway. Moreover, Anthony de Lucy died in 1343 or 1344 (*Calendar of Close Rolls 1343-1346*, p. 257). Anthony, who was constable of Carlisle Castle, was busily engaged in 1340 in protecting the West Marches against the threatened inroads of the Scots (*Rotuli Scocie*, i. 589a,b, 590a, 591, 594a, 596b, etc.) In 1 August, 1341, he was appointed warden of the Marches of Cumberland and Westmoreland (*Ibid.* i. p. 611a). He was engaged in the defence of this district in the following year (*Ibid.* i., pp. 625b, 627b, 633a). Dugdale, *Baronage*, i., p. 357b, states that Thomas de Berkeley was appointed Warden of the Marches of Scotland in 16 Edward III. (1342-3), but the entry in the *Rotuli Scocie* (i. p. 627b) cited by him does not justify the statement, but merely orders payment, on 2 July, 1342, to Berkeley of wages for the troops that he had agreed to find for three months to defend the Marches of Scotland, payment whereof is charged upon money from wool in cos. Cumberland and Westmoreland. A like order was issued on 20 August (*Ibid.* i., p. 631b.) and a peremptory order dated 26 September for the payment to him of the wages states that he was staying in the parts of Carlisle (*Ibid.* i., p. 633a). King Edward embarked for France on 4 or 5 October, 1342 (*Fædera*, ii., p. 1212; *Cal. of Close Rolls 1341-1343*, p. 660).

Treschers Sires, nostre Seigneur soit gardé de vous !
Escr[itez] a Kardoill', le ix^{me} jour d'Octobre.

Par Thomas de Berkelee et Antoyne de Lucy. 24.

1344, October 19.—Grant by Reginald de Cobham, admiral, of permission for the ship called "*Le Beggare*," of Eylisford [Aylesford, co. Kent], to make a voyage at the master's pleasure, on condition that she return to her own port by Whitsuntide.

A touz ceux qui cestes lettres verront ou orrent, Renaud de Cobham, admyraill nostre seigneur le Roy, salut en Dyeu.

Sachez nous avoir done congé al nef apellé "*Le Beggare*" de Eylisford, dont Johan Martyn est mestre, d'aler verz queles parties que verra pur faire son proffit, issint qe soyt arere a son port demesne al Pentecoste prochain avenyr sanz delay, [a] quele chose lyeument faire il nouz ad trové suffisante surte.

En tesmoynance de quele chose a cestez nos lettres avomz mys nostre seal. Don[nés] a Londres, le dys et nofime jour d'Octobre, l'an du regne nostre seigneur susdit d'Engleterre dys et oytisme et de France quinte.

1344, October 20.—Grant from John le Colyer, of Notingham, to Michael de Lyndeby, chaplain, to celebrate in the chapel of St. Mary of Sutton' Passeys,¹ for the souls of John and of his late wife Agnes, etc., of a messuage, toft, and 5 bovates of land in Sutton' Passeys, which John had acquired from divers men in the same town: to have and to hold to the said Michael and his successors, chaplains there celebrating for the said souls; provided that if he, or any of his successors, cease to celebrate for eight days without appointing a deputy, he so neglecting to celebrate shall be amoved from the said chantry. The donor retains the right of presentation during his life. After his death, the prior of Lenton shall present upon each vacancy. If he fail to present within twelve days, the presentation shall lapse to the prior of Felleye. If he fail to present, the archbishop of York shall present.

Witnesses: Robert de Strelleye, knight; John de Annes[leye], knight; John de Cokfeld, knight; John del Ker; William de Selston; Geoffrey de Brunnesleye; John, son of Robert de Sutton; Seyr de Brokestowe.

1344, November 23.—Deed of Brother Astorgius de Gorciis, prior of Lenton, and the convent of the same, consenting to the foundation of a chantry in the chapel of Sutton Passeys by John le Colier. Dated at Lenton.

Seals of prior and priory.

1345, September 12.—Grant from Hugh le Tighler, of Lincoln, and Cecily, his wife, to Ralph de Cockwell, of

¹ Sutton Passeys, a vanished village in Wollaton Park.

Notingham, and Emma, his wife, of a plot of land in the Saturday Market, Notingham, between the tenement of John de Widmerpoll on the east and the gate called "le Chapelbarre" on the west, in breadth by the king's highway 81 feet, lying in length by the wall of Notingham from the said gate to the end of the tenement of the said John de Widmerpoll except room for a cart (*preter iter unius carecte*) between the wall and the said plot on the west.

Witnesses: John de Tumbly, Mayor of Notingham; Stephen le Taverner and Ralph Colier, Bailiffs; Ralph de Wollaton; Richard de Toueton, Richard de Hilton, John Davy, Robert de Brunneby, Hugh de Carlell, all of Notingham. Dated at Notingham.

1351, April 25.—Grant by Robert son of Robert de Brunneby, of Notyngham, to Sir Richard de Wylughby, senior, of a messuage with shops in Notyngham near the lane called "le Cowlane," formerly held by John de Perwych.

Witnesses: Hugh le Spicere of Notyngham, Mayor; John de Sutton and Thos. de Stafford, bailiffs (and others).

1351, May 2.—Membrane giving contemporary copy of agreement made at Bradford Peverell between Roger le Walssh and Richard Peverell that Roger shall marry Joan, daughter of Richard, receiving for her marriage 20*l.*, and when he takes her home three robes or "gwyd¹ and cot" and a palfrey and saddle, and three beds, two cloths (*naps*) and a third of canvas, with towel and napkin (*savernap*), and bacins and lavers for her chamber, and Roger shall enfeof feoffees of all his lands in Chikerell and Stoke Coyllard to re-enfeof Roger and his wife.

French.

Copies of the feoffments and releases in connexion herewith are given.

1352, March 23.—Grant by the abbot and convent of Bordesleye² to Sir Peter de Monteforti, lord of Beudesert,³ of a yearly rent of 100*s.* from their manor of Soungre,⁴ co. Warwick.

Witnesses: Sir Roger de Aylesbury, William atte Spyne, John de Conyngesby, Hugh de Braundeston, William d'Oddyngseles, John Sparry, Philip de Budeford, Walter de Hereford. Dated at Soungre.

1352, March 29.—Grant by the said Peter that the abbot and convent shall be quit of the aforesaid rent on condition that they assign a monk chaplain of their convent to chant daily for ever divine service at All Saints' altar in their convent church according to the manner of their order, principally

¹ A garment, gown. See *New English Dictionary*, s.v. 'Gite, 1.'

² Bordsley, parish of Tardebigge, co. Worcester.

³ Beadesert, co. Warwick.

⁴ Songar Grange, in Langley, parish of Claverdon, co. Warwick.

for the good estate of Peter during his life and for the souls of Margaret, his wife, John de Mountfort, his father, Alice de Mountfort, his mother, and John de Mountfort, his brother, etc. Witnesses as above, with addition of Richard de Budeford. Dated at Mounkespathe.¹

Good impressions of the abbey seal.

1358.—Contemporary copy of enrolment amongst the Memoranda of the Exchequer, Hilary Term, 32 Edward III., concerning the relief due from Ralph son of Ralph le Boutiller for his mother Maud's purparty of the lands of Philip Marmioun, her father, giving details of the division of his lands, which Philip held the town of Tamwrth, on the confine of the counties of Stafford and Warwick, and the manor of Scrivelby, co. Lincoln, as an entire barony (*per integram baroniam*).

1358, August 8.—Retainer by Edward, prince of Wales, of Sir Baldwin de Freville.

Ceste endenture faite parentre lui nobles homme monsieur Edward eisnez filz au noble roi d'Engleterre et de Fraunce, prince de Gales, ducs de Cornewaille, et counte de Cestre, d'une part, et Monsieur Baudewyn de Frevill, d'autre part, tesmoigne que le dit Monsieur Baudewyn est pur terme de sa vie demorée ove le dit prince, pernant pur son service q'il ferra au dit prince annuelement quarrante livres a terme de la vie le dit Monsieur Baudewyn des issues et profitz surdantz du manoir de Cheillesmore, de la ville de Coventree, et de la feeferme de la priorie de Coventree, par les meyns du receivour ou autre gardein le dit prince illeoques, qi pur le temps serra, a les termes de Seint Michiel et de Pasque par oweles porcions. Et que a quele heure que le dit prince irra pur la guerre, le dit monsieur Baudewyn prendra pur tauntz des gentz come il amenera ove dit le prince ataunt come autres de son estat prendront pur l'afferant des gentz q'il amenera.

En tesmoignance de quele chose auxibien le dit prince come le dit monsieur Baudewyn ount a ceste endenture entrechangeablement mis lour seals. Donné a Londres, le viij. jour d'Augst, l'an du regne le roi Edward Tierz apres le Conquest d'Engleterre trentism secound et de Fraunce disneofism.

1360, August 3.—Grant by Richard de Wilughby, knight, the elder, to Sir Richard de Stanford and Sir Thomas de Eperston, chaplains celebrating in the chapel of St. Mary, Sutton Passeys, for the souls of John Colier, Agnes, his wife, and of their children, and for the souls of Sir Richard de Wilughby, father of the grantor, and of Adam de Wellom, formerly rector of Wolaton, and for the good estate of the

¹ Monkspath (Hall).

grantor and Elizabeth, his wife, Richard Colier, and their children, of 100s. of yearly rent from certain specified tenements in Notingham. The presentation to both chantries is reserved to the grantor and his heirs, and in default to the archdeacon of Notingham, and in his default to the archbishop of York.

Witnesses: Hugh le Spicer, mayor of Notingham; John Davy and John de Chastre, bailiffs; Richard Samon, John Salmon, Richard le Colier, John de Briggeford, John Loterell, William Colier, William de Lancastre, Richard de Pollesworth, Roger de Gamelston, John Ingram. Dated at Notingham.

1362.—Copies of inquisitions *post mortem* of Richard de Wylughby, the elder, in the counties of Leicester, Lincoln, and Derby. He died 14 March, 36 Edward III. Richard, his son, is his next heir, and is aged 40 and more.

[Cf. *Calendarium Inquisitionum post Mortem*, ii., p. 256, no. 81.]

1363, July 5.—Release by Joan, abbess of Shaston,¹ to Edmund Fitz Herberd and Elizabeth Fitz Roger, tenants of the manor of Mapelerton,² of all arrears of the ferm up to Michaelmas next. Dated at Henton.

Fine impression of seal.

1367, February 24.—Admission by John, bishop of Lincoln, of John de Baggeworth, priest, to the chantry of St. Mary of Sapcote,³ void by the resignation of Richard Basset, the last chaplain thereof, on the presentation of Sir Richard Basset, knight. Dated 1366, in the fourth year of the bishop's consecration.

1385, April 4.—Retainer by John, duke of Lancaster, King of Castile and Leon, of Ralph Bracebridge.

Ceste endenture fait parentre le puissant prince Johan, roy de Castell et de Leon, duc de Lancastre, d'une part, et Mons[ieur] Rauf Braisebrugge, d'autre part, tesmoigne que le dit Mons[ieur] Rauf est retenuz et demorez devers le dit roy et duc pur lui servir a terme de sa vie, tant en temps de pees come de guerre, en manere que s'ensuyt, c'est assaveir que le dit Mons[ieur] Rauf serra tenuz deservir meisme celuy roy et duc pur pees et pur guerre a terme de sa vie, et de travailler ovesque lui as queles parties q'il plerra au dit roy et duc, bien et covenablement arraiez pur la guerre; et serra le dit Mons[ieur] Rauf en temps de pees as bouche et gages de court pur lui meismes a ses diverses venues illoeques, quant il serra envoie par les letres du dit roy et duc de son

¹ Shaftesbury, co. Dorset.

² Mapperton, co. Dorset.

³ Sapcote, co. Leicester.

mandement, ovesque un son esquier, qi serra tout soulement a bouche de court. Et prendra le dit Mons[ieur] Rauf en temps de guerre du dit roy et duc au tieulx fees et gages pur la guerre par an pur lui et pur son dit esquier come autres bachelers de samblable estat et condicion prendront, par les meines du tresorer du dit roy et duc pur la guerre, qi pur le temps serra. Et endroit des chivalx de guerre preises et perduz en la service du dit roy et duc, et del commencement de son an de guerre, et des prisoneres et autres profitz de guerre par lui ou null de ses gentz prisez ou gaignez ensemblement, et de l'eskippeson pur lui, ses gentz, chivalx, et autres leur hernoises, le dit roy et duc ferra a lui come as autres bachelers de son estat et condicion.

En tesmoignance de quele chose a ycestes endentures les parties avantdites entrechangeablement ont mys leur sealx. Don' a Leycestre, le quart jour d'Aprill, l'an du regne nostre tresredouté seigneur le Roy Richard Seconde puis la Conqueste oytisme.

Seals missing.

1390, March 12.—Demise for twenty-nine years from John Dabrigecort, knight, to Robert Bay, of Cossall, William Garnam, and Nicholas Batell, of Trowell, of "tres partes cujuslibet putei cujusdam minure (*sic*) carbonum" in the places called "Morebrech" and "Wodebrech" in the fields of Trowell, rendering therefor every week for a "pyk" of hard coal 2s. 6d., and for a "pyk" weekly of "culm" 12d. The lessees shall pay the whole ferm if they work three days, and if they work only two days and a half, they shall pay half the ferm. "Et predicti Robertus, Willelmus, et Nicholaus operentur in predicta minura nichil eos impediende, salvis semper eisdem Roberto, Willelmo, et Nicholao et heredibus suis *damp'* et aqua. Et quod idem Johannes et heredes sui allocabunt predictis Roberto, Willelmo, et Nicholao, heredibus et assignatis suis, *wateregates et heddryftes* durante termino predicto." Dated at Wollaton.

Witnesses: Thomas Tochet, Peter de Strelly, John Hancok, chaplain.

1402, December 22.—Grant by Agnes Denteth, of Notyngham, relict of Henry Shypwryght, of Notyngham, to Sir William Ode, chaplain, of Notyngham, of a rent of 2s. and two hens yearly from a messuage with appurtenances and buildings in Notyngham on the rock (*super rupem*), lying between her tenement in which she now dwells and the tenement formerly belonging to John Luterell, which John de Hertyll now holds.

Witnesses: Thomas de Mapurley, mayor of Notyngham, Thomas de Roley and John de Alastre, bailiffs; John Samon; John de Plumptre; John de Tannesley; Henry de Plumptre.

1402, December 25.—Manumission of a serf by Edmund de Willoughby, with exemption from serving as bailiff of the manor and from other servile obligations.

Pateat universis per presentes, quod ego Edmundus de Weloghby, dominus de Dunnesby, manumisi et ab omni jugo servitutis liberavi Willelmum Large de Dunnesby, nativum meum, cum omnibus bonis et catallis suis et cum tota sequela sua, procreata et procreanda. Insuper ego prefatus Edmundus concessi predicto Willelmo et heredibus suis, quod nunquam fient ballivus meus ville nec curie, set ab omni jugo servitutis ipsos deliberavi, ita vero quod nec ego predictus Edmundus nec heredes nec assignati mei aliquid juris vel clamii ratione alicujus vill[e]inagii erga predictum Willelmum Large, seu aliquo de sequela sua procreata vel procreanda, seu de bonis vel catallis ejusdem Willelmi de cetero exigere vel vindicare poterimus in futurum, set ab omni accione premissa simus exclusi imperpetuum per presentes. In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti scripto meo sigillum meum apposui. Data apud Dunnesby, die Mercurii proxima ante festum Apostolorum Simonis et Jude, anno regni regis Henrici Quarti a Conquesto Anglie quarto.

1403, August 10.—Letters Patent of Henry IV. ordering Hugh Burnell to defend the town of Shrewsbury against Owen Glendower (*Owinus de Gleyndouredy*). [*Calendar of Patent Rolls, 1401-1405*, p. 285.]

1404, November 18.—Probate of will of John Frome. Body to be buried in the nave of St. Andrew's church, Sonnyng [Sonning, co. Berks] before the cross. To the fabric of Salisbury church, 20s. To the fabric of the church of Wyntreborn Caam [Winterborne Came, co. Dorset], 40s. To the fabric of the church of Horton [co. Dorset], 20s. To the fabric of the church of Knolton [? Knowlton, co. Dorset], 10s. To the fabric of the church of Bokyngham [Buckingham], 20s. To the fabric of Castilmylbrigge, Bokyngham, 20s. To the fabric of Wellendebrigge, Bokyngham, 20s. To the two hermits of Bokyngham, 3s. 4d. each. To be distributed amongst his villeins (*nativos*) and those holding in villeinage (*native tenentes*) in Borton, 100s. according to the discretion of his executors. To the friars minor of Dorchestre 10l. to celebrate for his soul. To the abbot of Shirborn [Sherborne, co. Dorset], a silver gilt chalice. To the testator's two daughters, two silver cups of one suite made in the manner of a chalice. "Item Isabelle, filie mee, aulam¹ meam *palyd* de albo rubeo et viridi, cum toto apparatu. Item predicte Isabelle lectum meum de rubio et viridi, cum costeris² et toto apparatu, videlicet cum *matras* et *canavas* et j. par linthiaminum, j. par de *blanket*". Item Johanne, filie mee, lectum

¹ For *aulæum* 'hangings.'

² Curtains, bed-hangings.

meum de albo et rubeo cum costeris et toto apparatu. Item predicte Johanne lectum meum magnum rubeum cum duobus longis costeris rubeis et toto apparatu, videlicet cum *matras*, *canavas*, j. pari *blanket'* et j. pari linthiaminum, cum *quysshons*¹ et *bankers*². Item predicte Isabelle, lectum meum apud London' cum toto apparatu, et omnia alia utencilia domus existencia ibidem. Item lego Willelmo, fratri meo, unum lectum rubeum secundum meliorem, videlicet cum uno *tester* et dimidio *celer'*,³ cum iij. curteinis, j. *canevas*, j. *matras*, j. pari *blanket'*, et j. pari lintheaminum, et coopertorium cum *tester* operis de Wynchestre, ultra omnia alia que modo habet, que etiam sibi lego. Item Johanni Saydon unum lectum, videlicet coopertorium cum uno *tester* operis de Wynchestre, j. *canevas*, *matras*, j. pari de *blanket'*, una pari de (*sic*) linthiaminum, et alium coopertorium sufficiens." To Thomasina Carpynter, 20s. To Sir Thomas, the testator's brother, a round bowl (*bollam*) with a cover of silver. To Richard, his brother, a silver piece (*peciam*) with a cover of silver. To Richard Masun, 13s. 4d., in addition to the salary due to him. To Janyn, 3s. 4d., beyond his salary. To Thomas Coke, 20s. To Hugh, 6s. 8d. To William Kene, 20s. To Roger atte Wode, 2s. To William Hoggys, 2s. To Richard atte Wode, 2s. To Richard Ryver, 2s. To John Thurborn, 2s. To Richard Willam, 2s. To Payn Pulter and his wife, 2s. If his other goods not bequeathed are insufficient for the payment of his debts, he wills that deduction (*defalcacio*) of this testament shall be made at the discretion of his executors. On the third day of his burial 10*l.* to be distributed for his soul. Executors, William Fyloff and Richard Frome, the testator's brother.

Annexed is the certificate of probate on 24 November, 1404, before John Perche, clerk, commissary of the archbishop of Canterbury.

[1415,] July 6.—⁴Letter from H[enry Beaufort], bishop of Winchester, to William Filliol, requesting him to confer upon the bishop's secretary the chapel of Wilkswood [parish of Langton Matravers, co. Dorset].

Treschier et tresentierement bien amé, nous vous salvoums souvent et de tresentier cœur. Et vous esmercions tresacerces de vostre bon promis et de ce qu'il vous ad pleu, par consideracion de nous, nous envoier responce sur noz autres lettres, que vous vouldriez garder la chapelle de Wylcheswod pour nostre treschier et tresamé clerc et secretaire Richart Petteworth jusques au temps que vous et luy en

¹ Cushions.

² Bench coverings.

³ Canopy.

⁴ The date is fixed by the fact that Richard Petworth, the person in whose favour the letter is written, succeeded as prior or master of the priory, chantry or chapel of Wilkswood in 3 Henry V (Hutchins, *Dorset*, ed. 3, i., p. 641b), and that in the same year William Talbot, warden of the chantry, delivered to William Filliol the muniments of the priory (*Ibid.*).

eussiez parlé ensemble plus au plain, a quelle temps mesme nostre clerc averoit la dicte chapelle, comme nostre bien amé serviteur John' Shirbourne nous reportast plainement de par vous a nostre singular plaisir la vostre treschier mercy. Si vous prioums tresentierement de vostre bonne continuance envers nostre dit clerc touchant son encres a la dite chapelle sanz lui en failler, que ne voudrions en null manier, considerée que nous avons fait mesme nostre clerc lesser autre sien benefice pour la cause suisdite, aians en vous ferme espoir et affiance que nous vous trouveroums le plus favorable a nostre dit clerc par consideration de nous, par ainsi que a son venu devers vous pour la final conclusion de vostre dit promis, vous ne vueillez rien convoiter de nostre dit clerc aultrement que raison et conscience ne demandent. Sur quoy vous prioums outre ce que vous vous vueillez tiellement acquiter en la dicte matier que nous soions tenuz de faire pour vous de toute nostre poair comme pour chose faite a mesme nostre personne. Et nostre Seigneur vous ait en garde! Escript a nostre palix a Wincestre, le vj. jour de Juillett.

H.¹ Evesque de Wincestre,
Chancellor d'Angleterre.

[Addressed :] A nostre treschier et tresentierement bien amé William Fillyoll, esquier. 24.

This letter is written on paper, and has been folded up in a square shape. At the back cross lines have been roughly drawn with red chalk or paint, and a very small seal, surrounded with a twisted straw, has been affixed at the intersection of the four lines of the cross. The letter seems to have been closed by a narrow strip of paper, parchment, or thread beneath the seal, for there are two small cuts in the paper under the seal and corresponding cuts in the other side of the paper.

1416, January 12.—Contemporary copy of the will of William Filoll. His body to be buried in his parish church of St. Wulfilda, Horton [co. Dorset]. To the fabric of the cathedral church of Salisbury, 20s. To the fabric of the church of Horton, 13s. 4d. To Joan, his sister, 40s. To Roger William, 20s. To John Hendy of Wynterborn Belet, carter, 20s. To John Cartere of Wynterborne Heryng [Winterborne Herrington, co. Dorset], 20s. To Simon Talbot, his black gown (*jupa*) of Lyre. To Thomas Boteler, his pantlerer, his gown (*jupa*) of green and mustervilers. To John Burton his gown (*jupa*) of "mottele." To John Batell his gown (*jupa*) of green of Fryse. To John Reson his gown (*jupa*) of green and "forstnithemed" ² and his huke (*hucum*) of green double. To Stephen Wychynore, 6l. To Richard Edward, 13s. 1d. To Richard William, 13s. 4d. To John Hendy of Wodeland [Woodlands, co. Dorset], 13s. 4d.

¹ The initial H is a bold and elaborate letter.

² Not in *New English Dictionary*.

To John Bussell, his fermor of Langeton Heryng [Langton Herring, co. Dorset], his striped single gown (*jupam meam stragul' senple*). To Roger atte Wode, his green gown (*jupa*). To John Trenchefoill, his furred striped gown (*jupa*). To Nicholas Arney, 53s. 4d., which he owes to the testator, and two doublets of black worsted. To Ralph Walssh, his long sword called "Percy." To Robert Derby, his baselard with knife. To Nicholas Arney, his short sword sheathed. To Ralph Walssh, his short sword, which he had of the said Ralph's gift. To John Reson, his short sword not sheathed. To Robert Derby, his black horse. To Ralph Walssh, his bay horse. To Simon Talbot, a pair of white "plates," with the "*pauns, vauntribrases, et rirebraces, greves, et quysshews ad eosdem plates competentibus.*" To Nicholas Arney, a pair of black plates and his bascinet. To Alice Drayton, 6s. 8d. To Alice Cowhurd, 3s. 4d. To Richard Peaworth, his hood of scarlet. To John Parker, of Blakedon, 13s. 4d. and his hood of black of Lyre. To John Wodeham, 106s. 8d., which he owes to the testator. To John Drapere, 13s. 4d. The rest of his treasure found in his chests and in the hands of his debtors shall be disposed for his burial, and shall be distributed among the priests and the poor for the health of his soul, by the hands of John Wodeham and Simon Talbot, his executors. To Joan, his wife, and to his children, to be found and governed by her, all the residue of his goods and chattels. Executors, his wife and the said John and Simon. Supervisor, Robert Darby.

1420, March 31.—Will of Jane, late the wife of Sir Richard Arches, and of Sir William Cheyne, Chief Justice of the King's Bench, formerly the wife of William Fillol.

Copia ultime voluntatis domine Johanne, que fuit uxor Willelmi Cheyne, militis, Capitalis Justiciarii de Banco Domini Regis, et quondam uxoris Willelmi Filoll, de comitatu Dors[etie], armigeri, facte in pura viduetate sua post mortem Richardi Arches, militis, similiter viri ejusdem Johanne, prout scribitur in Anglicis manu Simonis Talbot in quodam scripto indentato et sigillato per eandem Johannam super statum factum Nicholao Arney, Simoni Talbot, et aliis per eandem Johannam de manerio suo de Wynterbourne Belet et aliis terris et tenementis cum suis pertinenciis de hereditate ejusdem Johanne in comitatu predicto, prout monstratum et recordatum fuit per predictos Nicholaum et Simonem in cancellaria Domini regis virtute brevis ejusdem Domini regis eisdem Nicholao et Simoni directi, et primo die Junii, anno regni regis Henrici Sexti post Conquestum xxj^{mo} returnati coram Magistro Johanne Stafford, episcopo Bathoniensi et Wellensi, adtunc cancellario predicti Domini regis, sequitur in hec verba :

"Be hyt y-knowe to all maner men that shale hure or see thys scrite endentid that the wille and the entente of me

Johane, late wyfe of Sir Richard Arches, knyght, ys plainly and fully as hyt ys y-write here after sewyng, that ys for to wyte that there as Robert Derby, esquier, Nicholl' Arney, and Simon Talbot beth y-feffid and y-seisid yn all my maner of Wynterbourne Belet and yn all my londys and tenementz, rentys, servises, reversions and comunes of pasture wyth the appurtinaunces yn Wynterbourne Belet, Wynterbourne Houndington, Staford, Kyngston Mawreward, and Wynterbourne Kyngeston yn the shire of Dors[et]; and also there as the forseide Robert Derby, Robert Rempston, Nicholl' Arney, and Simon Talbot both y-feffid and y-seisid yn all my maner of Wodelond and Knolton wyth the appurtinaunces yn the foreside shire, as by diverse dedys endentid to hem thereof y-made openly hyt ys declarid, that the forseide Robert Derby, Robert Rempston, Nicholl' and Simon shale fynde and susteyne and do marie Avice, Isabele, and Alianore, my doghtres, wyth the profites and the issues that shale come of the forseide maners, londes, and tenementz wyth the appurtinaunces, and yn cas that y dye, Johan Filoll, my sone, beyng of full age of xxj. wynter and more, that thenne the forseide Robert Derby, Robert Rempston, Nicholl' and Simon shale yeve and graunte all the forseide maneres, londes and tenementz wyth the appurtinaunces fully as hyt ys comprehendid yn the dedys to hem thereof y-made of my yefte and my graunte to the forseide Johan Filoll and hys heires for evermore. And yn cas the forseide Johann Filoll die aftyr the decese of me or [=before] he be of full age, thenne I wole that the forseide Robert Derby, Robert Rempston, Nicholl' and Simon shall zeve and graunte all the forseide maners, londys and tenementz wyth the appurtinaunces to Avice, Isabele, and Alianore, my doghtrys forseide, whenne hy cometh to here full age, and to here heyres for evermore. And yn caas that the forseide Avice, Isabele, and Alianore dye after my decese, or the forseide Johan, my sone, come to hys full age, thenne y wole that all the profytes and issues that shale come of the forseide maneres, londys, and tenementz wyth the appurtinaunces yn the mene tyme shale be ordeined and disposed for the hele and the profite of my soule and the soule of Williem Filoll, that some tyme was myne housebonde, aftyr the discrecion of the forseide Robert Derby, Robert Rempston, Nicholl and Simon. And yn caas that Johan Filoll forseide dye or he come to hys full age, Avice, Isabele, and Alianore, my doghtres forseide beyng wythynne here full age, thenne y wole that all the profites and issues as hit ys forseide that shale come of the forseide maneres, londys, and tenementz wyth appurtinaunces yn the mene tyme or [= before] hy [= they] come to here full age shale be do for my soule and for the sowle of William Filoll as hyt ys byfore declarid. In wytnesse of wheche wrytyng above y-wryte, to that other part of this scrite endentid remeynyng wyth the forseide Robert Derby, Robert Rempston, Nicholl' and Simon y the forseide Johane have sette my seale, and to that other

parte of the same scrite endentid remeyning wyth me, the forseide Johane, Robert Derby, Robert Rempston, Nicholl' and Simon forseide haveth sette here seales. Thys scryte was y-wryte ate Wodelond, on the Soneday next comyng aftyr the feste of the Annunciacion of Owre Lady Seinte Marie, the viij. yere of the regnyng of Kyng Harry the Fifthe."

In cujus rei testimonium predicti Nicholaus Arney et Simon Talbot presentibus sigilla sua apposuerunt. Datum apud Wodelond, in comitatu predicto, quarto die mensis Julii, anno regni regis Henrici Sexti post Conquestum vicesimo primo.

[c. 1425.]—¹Agreement made by the township of Wymundwold [Wimeswold, co. Leicester], with the assent of the lords of the manors in the township, for the regulation of the common fields thereof; with interlineations and cancelled clauses in a different hand and ink, probably as a revision at a somewhat later time. Partly decayed by damp.

Statut[um] de Wymundwold.

For neȝth² pastur we orden Orrow and Breches, Woldsyke, and Wyloughby-broke,³ for to be broken on Crowchemesseday,⁴ and qwoso breke thise, everiche man schall pay for ich a beste that may [be] taken in any other severell pastur a peny to the kyrke, therfor to go a sevenyȝtday.⁵

Also, for the neȝt pastur, after that be eten, all the qwete⁶ feld, *scilicet* Hardacre-feld namly, save Strete Havedes⁷ ther os thei may not go for stroynge of korn; thise for to endure another sevenyȝt[da]y, under the peyn befor seyde.

Also, on Holy Thursday even we orden the comyns of the Pesefeld for horssees to be broken, an[d] non [o]ther bestes to com therinne. For if ther be any man that have any horsse that is febull and may not do his werke for faute of mete [and this m]ay resonably be knowen, lete hym releve of his owen, so that he save his neyȝtbur⁸ for harme, for and any

¹ Although the day upon which these regulations were framed is given there is unfortunately no record of the year. The document is written upon parchment in a hand of the early part of the fifteenth century. The only indications of the date afforded are the names of Sir John Nevill, Hugh de Willoughby, and the proctor of the abbot and convent of Beauchief (co. Derby), before whom the regulations were made. The three manors in Wimeswold were held by Nevill, Willoughby, and the abbey and convent (Nichols, *Leicestershire*, iii., pt. 1, p. 502a). Sir John Nevill of Wimeswold occurs as a witness to a deed in 1388-9, 12 Richard II. (*Ibid.* p. 504a.) In 1432 his lands in this village were in the hands of his heir (*Calendarium Inquisitionum post Mortem*, iv., p. 146a). Sir Hugh Willoughby, whose father died before 1415 (*Testamenta Eboracensia*, i., 381), survived until 1448 (*Ibid.* ii., p. 134).

² 'neat' (cattle).

³ The brook flowing through Willoughby-on-the-Wolds, co. Notts.

⁴ The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, September 14.

⁵ 'to last for a week' (se'night).

⁶ 'wheat.'

⁷ 'headlands.'

⁸ 'neighbour.'

man may [q]wilke bestes lose in korn or in gresse, he schall for ich a best pay a peny to the kyrke, and make amendes to his [neyztbur].

Also, on Qwysson even¹ everilke man breke his severyll gresse os hym lykes, and no man tye his horsse on other [h]isse owen ²for to be severyll to Lammes, ich man to ete his owen, under² the peyn beforseyd.

Forthermor, if any [man]. . . . [plo]gh oxen for to be releved on his severyll gresse, let hym tye hem on hisse best maner ³or hold hem inne,³ os other men don ther hors[ses] [o]n non other mannes gresse goyng to ne fro on brode,⁴ os thei will pay for iche a best a peny to the kyrke, and make [amendes] to hym that have the harm.

Also, if any man tye hyse horss ⁵ or reche ⁵ on any havedes or be syk⁶ sydes in to any mannes korn, [he schall] make amendes to hym that hasse the harme, and for ich a fote that iss withinne the korn pay a peny to the kyrke.

Also, if any man [shall be] taken on nyzturtale⁷ to stroye other korn or gresse, he schall be punysched os the lawe wyll, and pay fowr penyse to the kyrke.

[Also,] all maner of men that have any pese in the feld qwen coddyn⁸ tyme comes, lett [them] codde in their owen landes⁹ and in none other mannes [landes]. And other men or wymmen that have non peyse of their owen growyng, lett hem gedur hem twyse in the weke on Wennessday and on Friday, resonably goyng in the land forowes¹⁰ and gederynge with their handes and with no sykulse, ones befor none and no more, for if any man or womman other that haves any peyse of his owen and go in to any other, for ilke a tyme pay a peny to the kyrke and lese his coddess, and the that han none and gone offer then it is forseyd, with sykull or withoute, schall lese the vessell thei gedur hem in and the coddess, and a peny to the kyrke.

Also, no man with comyn herd ne with sched¹¹ herd com on the wold after gresse be mowen to it [be] maked and led away, ¹²bot on his owe[n],¹² and then lat hem go all togedur on Goddes name, and if thei done, ilke a man pay for hisse quantite of hise bestes a serten¹³ to the kyrke, that is for to sey a peny for ilke a best.

1 'Whitsun Eve.'

2-2 These words have been subsequently run through with a pen.

3-3 Interlined.

4 on brode= abroad.

5-5 Interlined.

6 'brook, ditch' (AS. *sic*).

7 'in the night-time' (adaptation of Old Norse *a nǫttar-þeli*, 'in the middle of the night').

8 'time for taking the peas out of the cod or husk.'

9 'lands' or ridges of the ploughed field.

10 'furrows between the "lands" or ridges.'

11 Apparently meaning a separate (*i.e.* private) herd (from Old English *sceádan*, Middle English *schede* 'to divide, separate').

12-12 Interlined.

13 'a certain, *i.e.* fixed sum,' from the law Latin *certum*.

Also, if ther be any man that throwes¹ in any scheves on any land for to tye on hisse horsse, he schall make a large amendes to hem that hane the harm, and for ich a fote pay a peny to the kyrke, ²bot on his owen.² Forthermor, if any man tye his horse in any stubbull and it be mowen in resonable time, schull pay the forseyd peyn.

Also, if any man may be taken on nyzturtale in the feld with kart or with berynge of any other karyage in unresonable tyme ³betwene bell and bell³, pay fow[r]ty pens to the kyrke, ⁴save os thus, if any man in peyse harvest. he and his meyne,⁵ in fortheryng of his werke and savyng of his korn, bynd a mornynge or to⁶ [it] be mone schyne, all other werkes on nyzturtale except, save this.⁴

Also, all maner laborers that wonnen⁷ in the town and have comyns amonges hus schull wyrke hervest werke and other werkes for ther hyre resonable os custum is, and not to go to other townes, bot if thei hane⁸ no werke or elles no man speke to hem so that they may be excused, for if the don, thei schall be chastesed os the law will.

Also, no man ne wommen that wyrkes hervest werke bere hom⁹ no scheves of no mannes ¹⁰bot if thei be gyven hem well and truly,¹⁰ for and it may be wyst, for iche a scheffe that thei bere homm ¹⁰without leffe¹⁰ schull pay a peny to the kyrke.

Also, no man ne wymmen glene no maner of korn that ys abull to wyrke for is mete and to peny on the day at the lest to help to save his neyztbur' korn ; ne none other gleyners that may not wyrke gleyne on no kynnesse wysse¹¹ amonge no scheves, for and¹² thei do, thei schull lese the korn [an]d a peny to the kyrke for ilke a burdon.

Also nother comyn herd ne sched herd com' in the qwyte corn feld to¹³ the korn [be l]ad away, ne in the pesse corn feld on the same wyse to the pese be lad away, and the comyn herd and sched herd may go togedur os thei schuld do, in peyn of ich a best a peny to the kyrke.

Also, that no man take away his bestes fro the comyn herd fro Mischels tyde to 5ole¹⁴ to go in the qwete feld to lese the qwete, for and any man may take any best therin, thei

¹ The meaning of this sentence is obscure, but it probably means that no man shall throw down (place temporarily) upon any 'land' (that is any ridge in the ploughed lands) in the occupation of another man sheaves from his own 'land' or 'lands' in order to pack them on the backs of his horses for transport from the open field.

²⁻² Interlined.

³⁻³ Interlined.

⁴⁻⁴ These words have been struck out.

⁵ 'servants.'

⁶ 'until.'

⁷ 'dwell.'

⁸ 'have' (contraction of 'haven').

⁹ 'home.'

¹⁰⁻¹⁰ These words have been struck out.

¹¹ 'in no sort of way.'

¹² 'an, if.'

¹³ 'until.'

¹⁴ 'Yule, Christmas.'

schall pay for iche a best a peny to the kyrke als often as thei may [be] taken stroyng the korn, ¹and the hyrd his hire.¹

²Also, if our heyward pyn a flokke of nezt of the contre, he schall [take] syx penys, for a floke of schep four penys, and for ich a horsse a peny.²

And that our wold be leyd in severyll at Kandelmesse, for if any hyrde let his bestes com ther on after, pay for ilk a tyme four penyse to the kyrke.

Also, qwo sumever hase any leyse³ within the cornes, mi lord or any man elles, let gar hem⁴ to dele hem oute and take a profit of them on Goddus half, and qwo so trespas, let make amendes.

Memorandum, quod statutum erat apud Wymundwold die Martis proxima ante festum Sancti Dunstani episcopi coram Johanne Nevyll, milite, Hugone de Wyloughby, Willelmo de Rattecliff, procuratore abbatis et conventus de Bello Capite, et communi assensu tocius villate, quod omnia infra scripta statuta teneantur et sub pena predicta custodiantur. 24.

1428, 15 June.—Agreement between Thomas Beaumonte, lord of Bakevyle, and William Rychmount of Leycestre, 'sclater,' whereby the latter undertakes to roof and cover all the houses and buildings covered with slates (*sclat'*) within the manors of Overton and Gowteby for the term of twenty years, receiving therefore 20s. yearly for his stipend. Thomas shall give him a gown (*toga*) of the suit (*secta*) of his yeomen when he shall give gowns to his yeomen, and shall find William and his servants victuals and beds when they are working on the said buildings. William agrees to remedy all defects in the roofs within a week after notice have been given to him, laying aside for this purpose all his other occupations. In case Thomas remove any houses or buildings within the manors to any other places or erect new buildings, he shall give William a salary (*salarium*) for the same to be agreed upon between them.

Witnesses: John Danet; Thomas Hardewyn; William Saunson.

1428, June 25.—Letters patent of Henry VI. granting to William Filoll, by the mainprise of John Jurdon and Robert Rempston, of co. Dorset, the custody for twelve years of a messuage with curtilage in Baggeruggestrete, in the said county, which are in the king's hands by the felony of John Cambat, and of a messuage and eight acres of land in the same town that belonged to Henry Trybald, lately in the king's hands by reason of the minority of Henry's heir, and of 14 acres of land in the same town, which are in the king's hands by reason of Richard Wolf's trespass in acquiring them

1-1 Interlined.

2-2 Struck out.

3 'meadow, *leasow.*'

4 'make, cause them.'

without the king's licence from William White and William Trybald, and of that part of a sarjeantry in the same town in the hundred of Knolton for which the sheriff of the county was wont to render 5s. yearly: rendering therefor 20s. yearly.

Waker[ing].

By bill of the treasurer.

Duplicated by the roll.

[*Not enrolled on Patent Roll.*]

Endorsed: Fiant consimiles litere patentes Johanne, que fuit uxor Willelmi Filoll infrascripti, de custodia infrascripta habenda a festo Sancti Michaelis ultimo preterito usque ad finem viginti annorum proximo sequencium plenarie completorum, reddendo inde viginti solidos, prout predictus Willelmus reddidit, et tres solidos et quatuor denarios ultra de incremento per annum ad scaccarium regis ad terminos infrascriptos, et sustentando domos, etc., per manucapcionem Roberti Veell et Johannis Wodeham, amborum de comitatu Dorset.

Per Thesaurarium Anglie.

Domino Cancellario.

1430, April 16.—Demise by William Alayn, Robert Alayn, and William Retehey, of Derteford, co. Kent, to Robert Cheseman, of Eltham, and John Lalleford, of Estgrenewych, in the same county, of all profits, etc., of the ferry (*la veriage*) over Thames from Pountfreyt,¹ co. Middlesex, to Estgrenewych for seven years, at a yearly rent of 26s. 8d. The said Robert and John shall maintain all bridges, wharves (*wharf*) and other necessaries pertaining to the ferry. William Alayn and Robert Alayn and their men shall be quit and free in going and returning of ferry-charges (*pro batellagio*) pertaining to the said ferry.

1430, June 6.—Letters patent of Katherine, queen of England, daughter of Charles, king of France, mother of the king of England and of France, and lady of Ireland, appointing William Trowtbek, her esquire, constable of Rothelan (Rhuddlan, co. Flint) castle during her life, in place of Nicholas Saxton, esquire, appointed by the late king, as she understands that Nicholas wishes to resign that office. Written at her manor of Maideston. *French.*

Seal missing.

1430, July 22.—Indenture recording a gift by Sir Hugh Willoughby of a service-book to the church of Tiddeswall [Tideswell, co. Derby].

“This endentur beres wittnes that Hug’ of Wiloby, knyght, has delivred a booke caled “portewos” to the vicar of Tiddeswall, Richard of Lytton, William Bradshagh, John of More, Robert Wodroff, John of Nedham, forsters, Robert of Bagshagh, Robert of Peek, Nicholas Martyn, John Hoylele,

¹ Pontefract, a manor in the parish of Stepney, co. Middlesex.

Richard Aleyn, and William of Bagshagh, in this form, that the forseyd book may be abyding in the qwer of the kyrc of Tiddeswall for evermore so that Roger Foljam and his wyff and hor' [= their] children and Hug' of Wyloby, knyght, and his wyff and hor' children may be preyd for speciale everi Sonnenday in the forseyd kyrc at the pulpitt and in all other gude prayers in that kyrc don for evermore. In wittnes of this thing Hug' of Wyloby, knyght, for his parte, os the twelfe befornamed men for their partes, ilkon for hym selfe, has put to his seal. Mad' at Tiddeswall, in the fest of Mare Mowdleyne, the 3ere of owr Lorde a thowsand iiij. hunderd and xxx.''

24.

1439, August 7.—Will of William Loudham, esquire, made within the monastery of St. John's, Colchester. Body to be buried in church of St. Giles, Colchester. The will contains several bequests of wearing apparel, etc. An inventory of the testator's goods and chattels, made by him on the aforesaid day, is attached by the seal fillet.

179.

1442, January 29.—Probate of will of John Hede, of Mapurley [co. Derby]. His body to be buried in the churchyard of All Saints, Kyrkhalam [Kirk Hallam, co. Derby]. His best beast for his "principal." One pound of wax to burn about his body on the day of his burial. He leaves 40*d.* to the assembly of his friends on that day. Residue to Alice, his wife and executrix, who shall ordain for his soul and children as she shall deem fit. Supervisor, Sir Richard, rector of the church of Westhalam [West Hallam, co. Derby].

Witnesses: Sir Richard, rector of All Saints, Westhalam; Sir Thomas Wodehall, chaplain; John Wynster, "parkere" of the same.

1443, September 15.—Testament of Sir Hugh Willughby, noticeable for amount of plate bequeathed. It is printed from the York registers, in *Testamenta Eboracensia*, ii., p. 130. The following schedule is pinned to it:

"Thyse ben the parcellys that John Brewod had of Maister Byngham.

In primis the scheriffez of Coventre hath a stondyng cupp of sylver and gylt. Item a salt seller, the wrethis gilt. Item xj. sponys of sylver. Item left at Notyngham at the Grey Freris a basyn of sylver, a charger of sylver, ii. pottygerz [= porringers] of sylver. Item a cuppe of sylver and gylt. Item j. peyr scheitz of fyne holandez. Item v. napkynz of diaper werk. Item Robert Broun, of Leycetir, mercer, had of the same John vj. platerz of sylver, vj. dyschys of sylver, iiij. sawserz of sylver, iiij. flat pesys of sylver. The somme of iiij^{xx} ounce weight, which were sold for ijs. vd. the ounce (*sic*). The which I schuld have the some of x. li., there of the said John reseved x. marc; of the which x. marc the said scheriffez have xxxiijs. iiij*d.* in golde.

Item a sadill and bridill with the harnes, price xs.

Item a swerde, price iijs. iiij*d.* Item a dowblet of fens cost cost (*sic*) xxxs. þat was boght of Robert Broun his broyer,¹ of Leycetyr. Item a Frenche hat, price iijs. iiij*d.* Item a peir tabyls with the case, price ijs. Item a ryng of golde with a crapot,² price xliijs. iiij*d.* Item Prestwod of Leyceter brake away fro my gyrdill a dager, price iijs. iiij*d.* Item he brake a purse with a spone of sylver and xxs. of money, iij. rynges of golde, price xliijs. Item a cloke price vs. iiij*d.* John Blakwyn, of Leyceter, goldesmyth, had a pott of sylver, the price vj. marc and a pece of silver, price of ij. mark or xls. : of the which I receved xxxiijs. iiij*d.* in mony and the ring of golde with the grapot² for xliijs. iiij*d.*

Item the goldsmyth be the Cokk in Leycetyr had ij. sawsers of sylver and ij. flatt pece of sylver. the price xls., of the which xls. I boght a doubelet, the price iijs. . . . peyr schetz þe price vjs. viij*d.*, a Sprowse cofer, price iiijs., the which is left with Robert Broun [his] brodir of Leyceter. Item left a pair of schetz in my chamber at Notyngham, þe price iijs. Item I boght a gown the which I have apon, þe price . . . Item left at the Gray Frerys a syde gown furred with blak lambe, a gren gown, a wodknyf, a schert and kerchyf.”

24.

1445, September 9.—Will of John la Zouche, knight with bequests of annuities to his servants. All issues of his lands to his wife Margaret for her life. “Item volo, quod sepulcrum meum fiat cum lapide marmorio altitudinis competenter, inserto cum duabus ymaginibus de *laton*’, una videlicet de uno milite armato et alia de una domina, et arcus fiat super idem sepulcrum de maeremio, secundum ordinacionem et dispositionem mei predicti Johannis. Item ordino et dispono unum librum missale, unum portoforium Usus Sarisburiensis, unum vestimentum dominicale et aliud vestimentum feriale cum calice pro celebracione divinorum in capella Sancti Petri infra ecclesiam collegiatam Beate Marie de Southwell. Item volo, quod die sepulture mee collacio fiat de cibis et potibus servientibus et tenentibus meis tantum, secundum ordinacionem et dispositionem executorum predictorum.” Executors referred to as being named in his testament.³ Several requests to his feoffees regarding bequests, disposition of his lands, etc. On a schedule attached to the will by the seal-fillet occur the following:

“Item I bequethe to William Chaworth a hole armure, the whiche is att Notyngham, and an armynge swyrde.

Item I bequethe to John Dedyk a pavuse⁴ of meyll, a brace⁵

¹ That is, ‘brother.’

² A precious stone. See *New English Dictionary*, s.v. ‘crapaud.’

³ See pp. 113, 114.

⁴ ‘pavis,’ O. French *pavois*, a kind of shield.

⁵ Armour for the arm.

of meyll, ij. cussues¹ of meyll, a pyson² of meyll in the suyte of the pavuse, and a swerde.

Item I bequethe to Sir Richard Hill an haburgen of Melen [= Milan] calde a gesorant,³ and a palett, a pyson of meyll, an axe, and a swerde.

Item I bequethe to my wiffe a bevere furre, the whiche is in my syde goun, with all the remelantz⁴ of fures in all my cotes.

Item I bequethe to John Dedyk my grene goun with the furre.

Item I bequethe to Sir Richard Hille my sangwyn goun with the furre and the seide syde goun.

Item I bequethe to Elizabeth Chaworth my scarlett goun with the furre and a gilte pece callyd 'the rose,' the whiche was gyffen unto her moder atte her maryage.

Item I bequethe unto my wyffe the pece whiche I drynke off.

Item I bequethe unto Richard Byngham a rose pece, the which Sir Thomas Chaworth gaffe to me.

Item I bequethe to myn auter [= altar] in the collegeall kyrke of Suthwell ij. fyallz of sylver with a paxbreyde of sylver, a messall and a portowos, the whiche the Lorde Zouche gaffe me.

Item I bequethe a portowos⁵ to the chapell of Seynt Antony withinne the manor of Kyrkelyngton.⁶

Item I wille that my ij. greyles⁷ be solde and that with the money commynge thereof be boght a missall and that giffen to the seyde chapell of Seynt Antony, there to abyde for evermore.

Item I bequethe to John Mellynge a goun of russett.

Item I bequethe to Rafe Judde a frysed goun.

Item I bequethe to the kyrke of Haryngworthe⁸ xiijs. iiijd.

Item I bequethe to Rafe Barre a goun of russett."

[Here follows a request to his wife to permit his feoffees to carry out his directions concerning the issues of the lands in cos. Hertford, Suffolk, Kent, Hants and Wilts that they have of his feoffment, as she had joint estate with him in the said lands].

"Written in the feste of Seynt Laurence, the xxiiij. yere of Kynge Henry the Sexte, kynge of England."

There is also preserved the draught of Zouche's testament, dated on Tuesday after Michaelmas, 1433 [altered to 9 September, 1445] leaving his body to be buried in the collegiate church of Sothwell in the place agreed upon between him and the canons. His best horse and armour for his

¹ Armour for the thighs.

² A gorget. See *New English Dict. s.v.* 'pisane.'

³ A coat of mail. See *New English Dictionary, s.v.* 'jazerant.'

⁴ Remnants.

⁵ A *portiforium* or breviary.

⁶ Kirklington, co. Notts.

⁷ Grails, *gradalia*, the service book so called.

⁸ Harringworth, Northants.

“principal.” Twelve torches to be burned about his body on the day of his burial, which are to be held by twelve of his servants on the outside (*exterius*) [altered to twelve servants called “hynes],” each of whom shall receive 12*d.* To each priest of the college and chantry present at his exequies [altered to “who shall happen to be present at his exequies”] 12*d.*, and the like sum to each Friar Minor and Carmelite similarly present, and 6*s.* 8*d.* to the friar preaching there. Executors: Sir Richard Hill, rector of Bylsthorp [*crossed out*], Richard Byngham, [Richard Hill, clerk, *added*], John Leeke of Halome [and John Martyn of Newerk, *added*]. His wife Margaret supervisor of will [*originally also* brother Roger Gomfrey].

1446, Nov. 23.—Letters patent of Henry VI. committing to John Fillol, by the mainprise, before the barons of the exchequer, of William Frampton, of Bukland, co. Dorset, gent., and of Thomas Bate of Poley, co. Warwick, gent., the custody for ten years of a messuage in Baggeruggestrete,¹ co. Dorset, in the king’s hands by the felony of John Cambat, and of a messuage and eight acres in the same town that belonged to Henry Tribald, in the king’s hands by reason of the minority of Henry’s heir, and of 14 acres of land in the same town in the king’s hands because Richard Wolf acquired them without royal licence from William White and William Tribald, and also of that part of a serjeanty in the same town in the hundred of Knolton, for which the sheriff of the county was wont to render 5*s.* yearly: rendering therefor 23*s.* 4*d.* yearly.

Brigge.

By bill of the treasurer and of the date aforesaid.

By the authority of parliament.

1450, July 13.—Will of John Willoughby, esquire.

“In Dei nomine, amen. The xiiij. day of July, the date of oure Lorde Mⁱ CCCCL. I, John Willoughby, sqwier, in gude mynde beyng, seyng and felyng the fraylnes of mankynde, make and ordeyn my testament in this maner of wyse. First, I beqweth my saule to God Almyghti and to his moder oure Lady Saynt Mary and to all the holy cumpany of Heven, and my body where that it be plesyng to God. Also I beqweth all my guddes wiche my fader beqweth to me be his lyve and all other, meveabull and unmeabull, unto my lady my moder aftur hir singuler disposession, except that I will that ix. of my brether and systers iche on of hem have x. marc and my brother Robert xx. marke of plate. Also I will that my cosyn John Inggelby, son and ayer to Sir William Inggelby, kynght (*sic*), have my white horse and my jacke. Also my felowe John Shipton for to have my dubbelet of mayell, my stomager of mayell, and a salet.² Also I make my worshipfull fader in lawe Richard Byngham, justys, and my brother Robert

¹ Baggridge, parish of Horton.

² A ‘salade,’ an iron headpiece.

of Willughby, sqwier, myn executoures of this present testament that thei dispose, execute, and perfourme all maner of thynges therein contend to the pleasure of God Almyghti and my saule hele."

1473, May 27.—Will of Ralph Wenyngton [? of Basford, co. Nottingham]. His body to be buried where he shall die. Executors: Robert Wyllughby, esquire, of co. Nottingham, Henry Wyllughby, his son and heir, and Joan, the testator's wife, who are requested to cause his debts to be paid, among which are specified 10s. to Thomas Tu, rector of the church of Wolloton, for the board (*mensa*) of his wife, 20s. to his brother Christopher Wenyngton, 4*l.* to Sir John Mason, rector of Normanton. For the payment of his debts and expenses the tenement lately acquired by him in Baseford shall be sold, if need be. The executors are to permit Isabel, his wife's mother, to receive 13s. 8*d.* from Baseford mill for life. He desires Robert and Henry Willughby to be good masters to him and especially to his mother and wife in all things. He declares that 13s. are due to him at this time from the said mill, and that Ralph Greene owes him 4s. and Henry Mason owes him 8s. "Hiis testibus: Domino Georgio, vicario ecclesie parochialis Sancti Dunstani in Occidentali parte civitatis London', videlicet juxta Novum Templum London', Johanne Lyngard, in cujus hospicio in infirmitate mea pro tempore nunc laboro, Henrico Wyllughby predicto semper cum me tempore visitacionis mee predictae existenti, et similiter Galfrido Staunton, capellano, tempore scripti hujus presente." 24.

1473, November 24.—Indenture between John, lord Audeley, knight, and William Fyllol, son and heir of John Fyllol, and Margaret, late his wife, of covenants concerning a marriage between the said William and Elizabeth, second daughter of the said lord. Signed "J. Audeley."

[1477.]¹—Answer of Dame Margaret Byngham, widow, Herry Willugh[by], esq., Thomas Barre and others comprised in the bill of complaint of Edward Gray, knt., Lord Lisle, concerning an alleged breach of the park of Drayton [Drayton Bassett, co. Stafford] by Thomas Barre and other servants of the said Dame Margaret and Sir Herry Willughby, which they deny. As to the hunting and chasing in the ground that the said Lord calls "Banglay Chace" [Bangley, parish of Tamworth, co. Stafford], Sir Henry says it is a great waste ground called in the country "Drayton Owtewodes," and he claims that it is adjoining to the manor of Middelton

¹ Undated. A draught of it is also preserved, which refers the assault to Wednesday before Michaelmas in the seventeenth year [of Edward IV.]. According to the seventeenth century endorsement the date is 1 Henry VII. Edward Gray was created Lord Lisle in 1475, Viscount Lisle in 1483, and died in 1492. The fight is placed at Weoford Bridge [co. Stafford], by Leland, *Itinerary*, iv, p. 115.

[Middleton, co. Warwick], of which the said Dame Margaret is seised. He alleges that his servants chased game in the manor of Middelton by licence of Dame Margaret and that they followed a deer out of the said lordship into the waste ground called "Drayton Owtewodes": this is the alleged breaking of Lord Lisle's chace. He denies that Lord Lisle has a chace in the said waste ground or any other chace in the County of Warwick called "Bangley Chace."

"And more over, to þe iii^{de}. and iiiii^{te}. article, they seyn þat [þe] said Herry Willughby and oþer his servauntz in þe noubre of lx. persones beyng singly arrayed, þe Wednesday in þe said bill surmysed¹ hunted in Sutton² Chace in any office oþer called þe Hilwod by þe lycens of William Barklay, esquiere, þan Master of þe game in þe said Chace, havynge with theym þe keper of þe seid office, not purposyng or thinkyng to any person malice or evill will, but be lycens of þe said Master and Keper takyng hede of þe sporte and game; the seid Lorde Lisle, sette in malicius purpos ayenst þe seid Herry Willughby, þe same day at Drayton Basset aforseid assembled, raysed, and gedered to hym dyvers and mony rioturs and evill disposid persons to þe noubre of an hundreth and moo, and at Tomworth³ caused þe belles of þe cherche to be rungen owkeward,⁴ to þe entent to arays moo people, ayenst þe kynges lawes and peace, to distroye þe said Herry and his servauntz, the which mysdowers and oþer people soo arrayed as ryotures and brekers of þe kynges pease arrayed in maner of warre, þat es to say with jakes, dobelettes of defence, brigonderes, salettes, bowes, arrowes, swerdes, billes and oþer wappans and abilimentz of warre, by þe comaundement, supporte, excite and comfört of þe seid Lorde Lysle, purposyng to slee, murdre, and utterly to distroy þe said Herry Willughby and his said servauntz in maner and forme abovesaid, the seide Wednesday come of fote frome Drayton aforsaid ayenst þe evyn tyde to a place nygh to Hilwodde abovesaid and in a long lane fast by Canwell⁵ layd them in dyvers bussumentez⁶ to þe intent þat on þe nyghtertale⁷ in þe same lane in goyng home of þe said Herry, for so muche as it was his hyeway home, they myght than and þer have sette uppon hym to execute and complusse⁸ þer seid malicious and cruell purpos. And ayen, þe evyn of þe same day, when þe said Herry and his servauntz had drenked and refreshed theym at Canwall, not knyng nor thynkyng of any such ymagynacion or purpos of hes distruccion, and ij. of his said servauntz, weryed for

¹ Wednesday before Michaelmas, in the 17th year [of Edward IV.], that is 24 September, 1477, according to the draught.

² Sutton Coldfield, co. Warwick.

³ Tamworth, co. Stafford.

⁴ 'awkwardly,' in an irregular manner.

⁵ Canwell, co. Stafford.

⁶ 'ambushes.'

⁷ 'at night.'

⁸ 'accomplish.'

labor, toke ther jorney to goo afor tham þe said mysdoers assued oute uppon theym and shotte arrees [read arroes] fast at thame and drofe thaym bake with arrowes unto þei come to þe said Herry, þer Master, the said mysdoers than cryeng and shoutyng with a grete voce uppon them 'thei flee,' and þe said Henry, understandyng hym selfe bisette on every sied, stode with his servauntz and deffended hym selfe; never þe leesse the seid mysdoers than and þere soore horted and wondyd dyvers of his servauntz, and on Thomas Pymne, on' of þe same his said servauntz, than and þer felonsly slewe, and had not bene þe grace of God, thei had bene slane and distroyed everyche one. And if any harme than fell unto any of þe servauntz of þe saide Lorde Lysle, it was of þer awn grete and greves assent and in þe deffence of þe seid Herry and oþer as farforth as thai cowde savyng their lyves, wyth out þai warre¹ gylty of any felony" 236.

1479, April 4.—Letter of fraternity of the Friars Minor, Nottingham.

In Christo sibi karissimis² Thome of the Hede et Margerie, consorti sue, frater Johannes, Fratrum Minorum Notinghamie gardianus et servus, salutem et per presentis vite merita regna celestia provideri.

Cum sanctissimus in Christo pater et dominus, dominus Sixtus, divina providencia, papa Quartus, non [solum] fratribus et sororibus nostri ordinis, sed et confratribus et consororibus ejusdem, litteras suffragiales habentibus, de benignitate apostolica gracie concesserit, quod quilibet eorum possit sibi elegere (*sic*) idoneum confessorem, qui ipsos et ipsorum quemlibet ab omnibus et singulis criminibus, excessibus et peccatis in singulis sedi apostolice reservatis casibus semel dumtaxat hoc anno, a publicacione litterarum papalium computando, videlicet a quarto die mensis Aprilis, et semel in mortis articulo, ab aliis vero tocies quociens opus fuerit absolvere et penitentiam salutarem injungere possit, idemque vel alius confessor plenariam omnium peccatorum eorundem remissionem in verò mortis articulo valeret elargiri, per litteras suas apostolicas benigne indule[erit]. Idcirco, vestre devotionis, quam ob Christi reverenciam ad nostrum habetis ordinem, sincere considerans affectum et acceptans, vos in confratrem et consororem, et ad universa et singula fratrum administrationis Anglicane suffragia recipio tenore presencium, in vita pariter et in morte, ut dictis apostolicis privilegiis omniumque bonorum spiritualium beneficis, secundum formam et effectum eorundem, perfruamini, animarum vestrarum ad salutem; adiciens nichilominus, ut cum post obitus vestros presencium facta fuerit exhibicio litterarum in nostro provinciali capitulo, eadem pro vobis fiet recommendacio,

¹ 'without their being.'

² The names are written in different ink from the rest of the document, which was evidently drawn up with blank spaces for the names.

quam pro fratribus nostris defunctis ibidem fieri consuevit.
Valete in Christo Jesu!

Datum Notinghamie, iij.^{to} die Aprilis, anno Domini millesimo CCCC^{mo} lxxix^o. 24.

Another letter of same date to the like effect in favour of Richard Hede. 24.

[c. 1480.]—Depositions regarding riotous conduct of Edward Gray, Lord Lisle.

“Testes producti per Dominum Henricum Willughby.

Richard Gascon, of Wollaton, l. yere, sworne and examened, seith that about August last past, what dey he knoweth not, he was at Not[ingham], when and wher he se the Lourd Gray entre in to Not[ingham] with the nowmbur of a C. personnes arraied in defensible wise, s[*cilicet*] jakkes, briganders, trussyng cotes, about l. of them, to what entent this deponent knoweth not; nevertheles the dey befor this deponent se and herd a servaunt of the Lourd Gray, callid W. Croker, come to Wollaton and seid, in the name of the Lourd Gray, to Sir Herre Willoby that the Lourd Gray send hym to Sir [Herre] Willouby to warne hym not to come to Not[ingham] to the Sessions, for if he did, he shuld com' on his own jeper[*die*]. Also oon Richard Wodborn, servaunt to the Lourd Gray, come, about Estre or Lent last passed, come (*sic*) to Wollaton on horsbak, with a longe speyr' in his hand and oon man with hym, and inquired for Sir Herre Willoby to have spoken with hym, seyinge thies wordes to Richard Cursun: 'If he be with in, bid hym come out and speyk with me.' And when he understond that he was not with in, he departed, and rode to Bramcot Hilles,¹ wher ley a bushment² of his company to the nowmber of xl. or l.; and all this he sei, and for fere of this My Lady Moder toke such sekenes that she is not lik to recover. More of this bille this deponent knoweth. And also he seith that John Strilley, Thomas Thurlond, and Richard Cursone wer not at Tauton³ the xxv. day of February last past, for Strilley and Cursone were with My Lady Willoby that dey, and Thurlond was at his own place, as he herd sey. More he knoweth.

John Hilterston, of Not[ingham], marchant, sworne and examened, seith that about February last past he was at Wollaton, when he se a servaunt of the Lourd Gray come to Sir Herre Willoby, and, as the comen rumor in that hous was, that then the Lord Gray send hym word that he shuld not come at Not[ingham] apon his own perell. And also he se when Wodborne come to Wollaton sith⁴ Cristemas and enquired for Sir Herre Willoby to have spoken with hym, and when he understod his absence, he departed and rode

¹ Bramcote Hill, adjoining Wollaton, co. Notts.

² 'ambush.'

³ Toton, parish of Attenborough, co. Notts.

⁴ 'since, after.'

towerd Bramcote Hilles, wher, that the comen rumor was in all that toun, ley a grete bushment of his company about a C. persons in hernes. Also he seith that about Lent last past he se when the Sheref of Not[ingham] yef possession in possible wise to Wodborn and Sharpels, servauntes to the Lourd Gray, in his name, of the howsis that longeth to a chaunterie of the fundacion of Richard Willoby. Mor he knoweth not.

Herre Sye, of Wollaton, husbondmon, tenaunt of Sir Herre Willoby, sworn and examend, seith that he was at Wollaton when, as the comen rumor was in the hous of Sir Harre, that a servaunt of the Lourd Gray come to Sir Herre, and warned hym not to come at Not[ingham] at the Sessions appon his own perell. Also he seith and agreith with Richard Gascon apou the comynge of Wodborne to Wollaton, and his seyng ther, and his departynge in every thyng. Moreover, he seith that now in late sith the enemete¹ betwen the Lourd Gray and Sir Herre Willoby, the same Lord Gray hath comen to Not[ingham] at divers Sessions with grete[r] company then he was wonte oþer while, with a C. persons and above, some hernesd and some without. Also he seith that, as he herd say, Wodborn and oþer servauntes to þe Lord Gray in his name enterd possession by force at Not[ingham] of serten tenementes longynge to a chaunterie of the fundacion of Sir Herre Willoby. And also he seith that John Strelley was with the Lade Lye on that tyme when the Lourd Gray surmisid hym to have be at Towton, for this deponent se hym ther then. And Thomas Thurlond, as he herd sey, was at his owne place that dey, and also noþer of them wer at Maunfeld as is surmisid in the bill of the Lourd Grey, for they both that dey wer with the Lade Lye. More he knoweth in that mater.

Syr Herre Belshaw, chaunterie preste of Sent Anton' at Wollaton, sworn and examened, seith that bitwen Cristmes and Candemas at the last was twelmoneth, Robert Torlaton and Roger, his son, servaunt to the Lord Gray, accompanied with ij. other persons with bill, axe, staves breke open the dore of ij. stabels and tenturs² of xvjs. rent lyng in Not[ingham] and entered, and so continued by the mayntenance of the Lourd Gray, the which stabels and tenters longeth to the chaunterie of Sent Antonie. And after that the seid Robert and Roger, sithen Christmas last, entered iij. shoppes at Not[ingham] in the name of the Lourd Gray, belongynge to the chaunterie of Sutton Passes, and, as he herd sey, they entred with force, and so continue in possession. And also sithen the enemete¹ bitwen the Lourd Gray and Sir Herre, the seid Lord Gray hath comen to the sessions to Not[ingham] with grett[er] company then he was wont to do, and arraied in jakkes, brigandirs, gestrons,³ as (*sic*) bowes,

¹ *emenete*, MS.

² 'tenements.'

³ Coats of mail. See *New English Dictionary*, s.v. 'jazerant.'

arowes as he herd say, to what entent he can not tell, nevertheles he herd his company report that if Sir Herre come theder, he shuld come upon his own perell. Also he seith that he was at Wolaton when, as hit was reported, ther come a man fro the Lourd Gray, and seid to Sir Herry Willoby that if he come to Not[ingham], he shuld come upon his owen perell. And as for the comynge of Wodborne to Wollaton, his wordes ther and maner of departyng, he agreith with John Gaston by herynge sey. Also wher it is surmisid by the Lourd Gray that Richard Cursone, John Strilley, Thomas Thurland shuld have be at Tawton and Mauncefeld with Sir Herre Willoby, he seith that the dey Cursone and Strilley wer at Wollaton and Thomas Thurlond was at his owen place as he herd sey.

John Sye, of Not[ingham], yoman and burges, sworn and examened, seith that a delyverance at Not[ingham] holden about Lent last Lord Gray come to Not[ingham] with gretter company then he was wont; how they wer araid he can not depose, nether to what entent, but as he thenketh for malace of Sir Herre Willoby, and Herre Willoby breke anoper hedge at Towton neper or (*sic*). Also he seith that Ashton neper Cursone nor Strilley wer neper at Towton neper at Mauncefeld with Sir Herre Willoby, as is surmisid by the Lourd Gray. Also he seith that ther is no howse brenned¹ in Horsley², neper broken in Mauncefeld, neper hedges broken in Towton, for this deponent sithen that hath be in all thies placez. More this deponent knoweth not in this mater." 236.

1486, May 4.—Agreement between Dame Margaret Legh, Henry Willoughby and Richard Willoughby, esquires, her sons, on the one part, and Sir John Babyngton, knt., William Zouche and Rauf Saucheverell, esquires, on the other, witnessing that whereas the said Richard Willoughby wrongfully took away and married Jane, late the wife of John Saucheverell, against her will, as she says, she having made a pre-contract with the said William Zouche, as he and she allege, it is agreed that if the said William or Jane will sue in Court Spiritual before a competent judge against the said Richard to have a divorce according to the law of Holy Church between him and the said Jane, Richard shall appear to shew his interest in the premises and to obey the judgment without appeal. Dame Margaret is thereupon to pay to William Zouche and Jane 20*l.*, and a further 23 marks at the feast of the Ascension and 24 marks, to be paid in the chapel of Our Lady within the monastery of the Holy Trinity, Lenton. 236.

1486, October 2.—Agreement between Edward Grey, knight, Viscount Lisle, and Elizabeth, his wife, on the one part, and Henry Willoughby, esquire, of the other, for the

¹ 'burnt.'

² Horsley, co. Derby.

marriage of John, son and heir of Henry, to Anne, daughter of the viscount and Dame Elizabeth, with very lengthy and numerous conditions.

1488, August 4.—Draught agreement between Dame Margaret, late the wife of Sir Peter Legh, knight, and John Marmeon, gent., and Thomas Wyldycotes, gent., concerning the performance of several conditions about a marriage between Dame Anne, Lady Clynton and Say, and Richard Willughby, son of the said Dame Margaret. 236.

1489.—Grant of fraternity to Anne, Lady Clinton and Say, and Richard Willoughby, her husband, with the Friars Preachers of Derby. The capital letters of the deed are picked out in red, and there is a somewhat elaborate initial.

Devotis et in Christo Jesu sibi dilectis domine Anne Clynton et Say et Ricardo Wyloghby, armigero, viro ejus, Frater Robertus Jacsone, prior conventus Ordinis Fratrum Predicatorum Derbei, salutem et augmentum continuum celestium gracionum.

Exigenti vestre devocionis effectu, quem ad nostrum habetis ordinem et conventum, vobis omnium missarum, oracionum, predicacionum, jejuniorum, abstinienciarum, vigiliarum labore, ceterorumque bonorum, que pre[dicti] fratres nostri conventus dominiis (*sic*), fieri dederit (*sic*), universos (*sic*) participacionem concedo tenore presencium specialem, in vita pariter et in morte. Volo insuper et ordino, ut, post decessus vestros, anime vestre fratrum tocius conventus oracionibus recom[m]endentur in nostro conventuali capitulo, si vestri ibidem obitus fuerint nunciati, et injungantur pro ipsis misse et oraciones, sicut pro fratribus nostris defunctis fieri consuevit.

In cujus rei testimonium sigillum officii mei presentibus est appensum. Data Derbei, anno Domini millesimo CCCC^{mo} octuagesimo nono. 24.

Seal missing.

1489, January 2.—Copy of will of John Alfegh, concerning his lands in Kent. 179.

1489, April 2.—Will of Sir Henry Wyllowghby, knt. His lordships of Gownthorpe, Lowdam, and the profits of the "colpyttis" of the lordship of Wolaton, in the county of Nottingham, to be charged with the sum of 1,000 marks for the marriages of his three daughters, "Marg[ar]et, Jane, and Dorathe." To his son Edward his lands, etc., in Nottingham, Lenton, and Radford, and also all the land purchased by the testator in Myddelton and Dunesby, after the decease of the testator's wife "Marget," for the term of the said Edward's life; the surplus over the cost of the "fy[n]dyng"

of the said Edward to remain in the "Abbe" of Lenton in a coffer under four locks until he come of age. All lands that the testator had of the feoffment of "my lady my graunt dame Marget Byngham" to remain in the hands of the feoffees of his will, except the lordship abovenamed, to the use and "fy[n]dyng" of his said "graunt dame," for the term of her life so long "as sche kepeth her soll,"¹ and [of] John Marmeon until the testator's son John come to the age of 20 years. The lands held by his mother "Dame Marget Lethg'," for term of her life are to be charged, after her death, for the performing of this will. The rents of his lands to be equally divided between his sons John and Edward when they attain the age of 20. An annuity of 5*l.* out of the lordship of Wyken to his brother Richard Willughby and "my lady is wyffe," for their lives. An annuity of 40*s.* out of the lands of Whitnasshe to his "cossyn" John Marmeon, for his life, "with that, as my truste is pat my seyd cossyn be loffyng and kynde unto my wyffe and scheldyr' and indever hym to see my will performyd and execute." Money accruing to testator from Lord Lysle by reason of the marriage of testator's son John to go to the performing of this will. The sum of 90*l.* owing by "my aunte Sherley" by reason of the ward of Thomas Walley to go to the performing of this will. Also the 25 marks owing to him by "my lorde of Duddele[y]." Executors: "Marget Wylloghby" his wife, John Styrlay [= Strelley], his brother, Sir John Paxson, "Sexten of the Clows of Lychefeld," John Marmeon, and Thomas Slade. Supervisors: George, earl of Shrewsbury; Edward, viscount Lisle; and his father in law, Robert Marlam [sic]. 236.

1491, September 19.—Agreement between Sir Thomas Burgh, knt., Sir Edward Burgh, knt., his son, and Thomas Burgh, esq., his brother, on the one part, and Sir Harre Willughby, knt., on the other, whereby Sir Harre agrees to marry Elizabeth, Lady Fitzhugh, daughter of the said Sir Thomas Burgh, before the feast of the Nativity of Our Lord; in consideration of which Sir Harre agrees to settle upon her as jointure lands in the counties of Lincoln or Nottingham to the yearly value of 100 marks. He also agrees to settle lands now purchased or to be purchased in the counties of Lincoln, Nottingham, Leicester, Northumberland, Warwick, Derby, Cambridge, Huntingdon, Norfolk, Suffolk, Hertford, Essex, Stafford, Buckingham, or Rutland to the annual value of 100*l.* in the hands of trustees for her to receive a moiety thereof after his death for the term of her life, the other moiety to go to the performance of his will until such times as their heirs attain the age of 21. 236.

1491, November 26.—Copy of inquisition *post mortem* of Gervase Clifton, knt., who died 12 May, 1491. Robert

¹ 'sole,' unmarried.

Clifton, clerk, son and heir, aged 30 years and more. Manor of Clifton, Notts., value 20*l.* yearly. Manor of Wilford, Notts, value 20*l.* yearly. Manor and soke of Hoddesake, Notts, value 40*l.* yearly. 236.

[*Calendar of Inquisitions post Mortem, Henry VII.*, i. p. 299, no. 714.]

1492, September 10.—Agreement (part and counterpart) between Jane, “Viscountas Lisle, late the wife of Edward Grey, Viscount Lisle,” and executrix of his will, and Sir Henry Willoughby, knight, concerning the jointure of Anne, the viscount’s daughter, lately married to John Willoughby, son and heir of Sir Henry. 236.

[1493].—“In the name of the most blessed Fader, Son and Holy Gost, I Henry Willughby, knyght, purposyng, by the grace of Almyghty God, to goo with the Kyng my Sovereign Lord on his roiall viage in to the parties of Scotland, and for almoch (*sic*) that hit hath been oftetymes seen that gret inconveniencise and troble hath been betwixe frendes aftur the deceesse of thair ancestres and frendes for defaute and not makyng of thaire last willes, I therfore the seid Henry do ordeigne and make this my last wille in maner and fourme folowyng. First I besette my sowle to Almyghty God and to his Blessed Moder Saynt Mary and to all Sayntes of Heven, and my body to be buried in Cristen manys buriall wher hit shall please God. Forthermore I will pat after my deceesse there shal be goyng yerely v. colepittes beside the levell pitte in the lordship of Wollaton duryng the nonage of my son and heir, wherof I will that my executouris shall perseyve and take the profettes duryng the seid nonage of my seid son and heire to the performance of this my will.” His executors to receive the revenues of all the lands of which he has enfeoffed them until his heir come of age, when they are to make an estate of the same to him, excepting the lands and tenements purchased by him in Lichefeld, Middelton, Donnesby, Torlaton, Lowdam, and Haconby, of which they are to stand enfeoffed for the use of his son Edward. His daughter Margaret to have for her marriage 500 marks clearly, besides her “fyndyng.” His daughter Dorothe to have for her marriage 400 marks clearly besides her “fyndyng.” To Margaret Nuthall, “servaunt to my lady my Graunt Dame,” an annuity of 10*s.* from his lands in Coventry. His executors to pay yearly 37*l.* to “Johan’, Vicountes Lisle,” according to indentures made between her and the testator dated September 10 “in the yere aforesaid” [8 Henry VII.], out of the revenues of the manors of Wymondeswold, Cosyngton, Broughton, and Cropwell, co. Leicester, and Wyllughby and Bradmere, co. Nottingham. His executors shall “sufficiently fynd” his son and heir John and Anne, his wife, out of the said manors until he come to the age of eighteen. [Imperfect.] 236.

1494, January 2.—Copy of will of John Trenchard, esquire, made “eo quod propono peregrinari, gracia Dei juvante, ad Ierusalem et alia loca peregrinacionis.” Manors of Wolveton, Colwallys, Dorchester, Fordyngton, Bere, Bestwalle, Stoburgh, Holcombe, Deverellescombe, Fyfehede Quyntyn, Childokeforde and Wymborne Mynster, co. Dorset, Suthtauton, co. Devon, manors and lands in Normanton, Ambesbury, Lake, Cotes, and Swalclyf, co. Wilts, Hordhull, Walop’, Fyfhede, Gorleton, Wolhampton, Milton, Sople, Avene, and Milforde, co. Southants, Walrend Trencharde, Sharnhill, Chesthill, Carisbroke, Nuport, Sutton, Horyngforde, and Atherfylde, Isle of Wight. Feoffees and supervisors of will: Henry Strangways, William Fylloll, William Martyn, John Wyke, and Thos. Moleyns. 236.

1494, April 8.—Letters Patent appointing Robert Rede, Serjeant at Law, to be one of the King’s Serjeants at Law.

236.

1497, April 26.—Will of Thomas Thurland, esquire, of Gamston. *In English*. [Abstract in *Testamenta Eboracensia*, iii, p. 185. note]. 24.

1498, November 17.—Grant from John Hylston, Prior of the Monastery of the Holy Trinity of Lenton, and the convent of the same to Henry Willoughby, knight, and John Willoughby, his son and heir apparent, of the office of steward of their manor and fairs of Lenton; to hold the same for the term of their lives after the death of Thomas Lovell, knt., and John Babyngton, knight, who have a grant of the same for the term of their lives. The prior and convent agree to pay to the grantees 40s. yearly for the execution of the said office.

Fine impression of seal of Lenton Priory.

1500, September 18.—Grant by Brother John, abbot of Citeaux, in the diocese of Châlons, to Sir Henry Willouby, knight, and the Lady Elizabeth, his wife, of participation in the prayers, etc., of the order, in consideration of their affection for the order and especially of their love for and services to the abbot and monastery of Fountains, in the diocese of York. 24.

1501, April 18.—Probate of the will of Roger Bagshawe, of Pentrych [co. Derby], containing bequests of tenements.

In Dei nomine, amen. Anno domini M^{lmo} quingentesimo primo, videlicet xvij^o. die mensis Aprilis, ego Rogerus Bagshawe de Pentrych, compos mentis et sane memorie, eger tamen in corpore, condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego animam meam Deo Patri omnipotenti, Beate Marie et omnibus sanctis, corpusque vero meum ad sepeliendum ubi Deus disponit. Item lego nomine

principalis mei meum optimum animal. Item do et lego tenementum meum in Pentrych, cum omnibus pertinenciis¹ suis, abbathe de Derlegh post mortem Helene, uxoris mee, imperpetuum. Item do et lego tenementum meum in Mappurley, cum omnibus pertinenciis¹ suis Helene, uxori mee, et quatuor pueris meis, ut vendatur, et precium inde receptum inter omnes eos racionabiliter dividendum. Residuum vero bonorum meorum superius non legatorum do et lego uxori mee et pueris meis. Item ordino et constituo Radulphum Calton et Helenam, uxorem meam, meos veros executores, et Nicholaum Shyrley meum supervisorem, ut ipsi ordinent et disponant pro salute anime mee prout ipsis melius videbitur expedire. Hiis testibus, vicario de Pentryche, Humfrido Halle, vicario de Bolsover, Henrico Hall, et multis aliis. [Proved before Philip Agard, doctor of canon law (*decretorum doctor*), commissary-general and principal sequestrator of John, bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, in St. Werburgh's church, Derby, 10 May, 1502.]

1505.—Letter of fraternity of Thomas Honyter, master or warden of the chapel and hospital of Holy Trinity, Walsokyn, in the diocese of Norwich and the brethren and sisters of the same, in favour of Mr. John Wyllughby and Anne, his wife. The letter is printed on parchment in black letter, with occasional paragraphs in red, and with a woodcut in red representing Christ crucified between the two thieves. 24.

1506.—Letter of fraternity of Thomas Norton, knight, master of Burton St. Lazars of Jerusalem in England, and the brethren of the same in favour of Edward Whyte. 24.

1506, May 12.—Acknowledgment by Thomas Hobbys, clerk, of the receipt from John Wylloughby, of co. Nottingham, esquire, of the sum of 5*l.*, “in parte payment of his fine made and yeven to the kinges grace for his pardon to be releasid from th'ordre of knighthod of the Bath at the creation of my Lord Prince Henry.” 236.

1506, November 3.—Similar receipt for a further sum of 5*l.* 236.

1507, May 1.—Similar receipt for 5*l.* in full payment of fine. 236.

1507, August 25.—Agreement between Sir Henry Wylloughby, knt., and Anthony Fitzherbert, gent., whereby Sir Henry agrees that his daughter Dorothe shall marry the said Anthony before Michaelmas, and he agrees to make a sufficient estate in law to Henry Fytzherbert, Anthony Babyngton and William Wymondesold, as feoffees for the use of the said Anthony Fitzherbert and Dorothy, of the manors of Carleton upon Trent. Carleton neigh Gedling, and Carcolston, co. Nottingham,

¹ *perten-*, MS.

and of his lands in Sutton-upon-Trent, South Marneham, North Marneham, Normanton upon Trent, and Estwayte [Eastwood], together with the ferry-boat, water, and fishing at Carlton upon Trent and Gedling, Notts. [Two copies.]

236.

1508, June 23.—Will of Sir Henry Willoughby, knt., in English on paper with alterations, and signature of testator. Executors: His son, John Willoughby; his son in law, Anthony Fitzherbert; and John Marmyon and Sir Thomas Southron, priest. Overseer of will: Edmund Dudley, esquire, councillor to the King.

236.

[1511], September 8.—Letters of the signet of Henry VIII. to Sir Henry Willoughby, ordering him to prepare for war as many men as possible on his lands, and to certify the king's secretary of their number.

“Henry R.

By the king.

Trusty and welbiloved, we grete you welle. And albeit that we nowe of late, by th'advice of oure counsell, directed oure speciall commissions for mustres to be made in all and every the shyres and contreys of this oure realme, entending therby to putt oure subgiettes in good arredynes of warre for the defence of oure said royalme when the caas should require, yet nowe we perceyve by credyble reapporte that by those meyns of mustres we cannot be so speedely and sufficiently provyded of so many hable men well harnesssed, ne so assuerdly certyfyed of the nombre of theym as by speciall certificate to be made unto us by you and others of this oure realme, to whom we have directed oure semblable lettres, of suche and as many as by you and theyme severally shalbe put in arredinesse within oure awne landys, auctorities, rowmes and offices. In consideracion wherof, we wol and desyre you that, with as convenient diligence as goodly maye be done, ye not only prepayre and put in suche arredines for the warre as many able men as maye be had, wel harnesssed, within youre said landes, auctorities, rowmes and offices, but also make certificate to the right reverend fader in God oure right (*sic*) counsayllour the bishop of Duresme, our secretary in the specialtie, of suche nombre as by you shalbe prepayred and provyded by the furst daye of Novembre next commyng; forseing alweyes that ye nether prepayre ne take any personnes for the warre but oonly suche as bee your awne tenauntes or inhabitauntes within any office that ye have of oure graunt or of the graunt of any other person or personnes or commynaltie, not being tenauntes or officers, to any other person or personnes havng semblable commaundment, havng auctoritie by oure like lettres according to the pourport and tenour of the same. Ascertynyng you that by thes oure lettres we entyndng not to revoke the auctoritie yeven unto oure commissioners for the takyng of musters, but that the commissions hertofore passed and herafter to passe for that

pourpose shalbe put in effectuell execusion accordingly, thes oure lettres notwithstanding.

Yeven undre our signet at our castell of Warwik, the viijth day of Septembre.

[*Addressed* :] To oure trusty and welbiloved knyght for oure body Sir Henry Willughby." 24.

1512.—Letter of fraternity in favour of Sir Henry Willoughby and his wife, granted by the prior provincial of the Carmelites in England, printed in black letter on paper, with an engraved border and initial representing the Virgin Mary with the infant Saviour in her arms. The words here printed in Italics are written in ink.

Frater Robertus, fratrum ordinis Beate Marie genetricis Dei de Monte Carmeli in provincia Anglie commorantium Prior provincialis et servus, dilectis nobis in Christo *Domino Henrico Wyllowzby et Domina (sic) Helena (sic), uxori sue*, salutem et per orationum suffragia regna celestia promereri.

Devotionem sinceram, quam ad nostrum habetis ordinem, ob Christi reverentiam et gloriose Virginis Marie matris Ejus, cujus titulo idem ordo noster specialiter insignitur, diligentius attendentes et in Domino commendantes, quo ad ea precipue, que salutem continent animarum, quantum cum Deo possumus, vobis vicem cupimus refundere salutarem. Sciant cuncti Christi fideles, quod sanctissimi in Christo patres et domini Adrianus Secundus, Stephanus Quintus, Sergius Tertius, Johannes Decimus, Johannes Undecimus, Sergius Quintus, et Innocentius Quartus divina providentia, ob reverentiam Beate et gloriose Virginis Marie, Carmelitarum ordinis specialis protectricis et patrone, omnibus Christi fidelibus vere penitentibus, confessi et contritis, litteras confraternitatum predicti ordinis recipientibus, tertiam partem omnium peccatorum in Domino misericorditer relaxarunt. Insuper, et Julius Secundus singulas indulgentias a suis predecessoribus Romanis pontificibus dicto ordini nostro concessas confirmavit, approbavit et innovavit, ac de novo omnibus Christi fidelibus vere penitentibus, contritis et confessis, litteras ejusdem ordinis nostri recipientibus triginta annos et totidem quadragenas de injunctis eis penitentiis misericorditer in Domino relaxavit. Nos itaque, vestram singularem devotionem pensantes, omnium missarum, orationum, jejuniorum, vigiliarum, predicationum, abstinentiarum, indulgentiarum, laborum, ceterorumque bonorum omnium, que per fratres nostros in dicta provincia constitutos misericorditer operari dignabitur clementia Salvatoris, tam in vita quam post mortem, participationem perpetuam vobis concedimus per presentes. Adjicientes nichilominus et de speciali gratia concedentes, ut cum obituum vestrorum memoria in nostro provinciali capitulo fuerit recitata, idem pro vobis fiet quo ad universa et singula quod pro fratribus nostri ordinis defunctis communiter ibidem fieri consuevit.

In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostri provincialatus officii presentibus est impressum. Datum in conventu *Coventrie*, anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo *xij*.

Per me Fratrem Th. Vicars.

Summa indulgentiarum a diversis Romane pontificibus confratribus et sororibus pariter et benefactoribus Sancti ordinis de Carmelo litteras recipientibus concessarum ascendit ad numerum quinque millium et viginti trium annorum et octnaginta dierum. 24.

Traces of seal at foot.

1512, March 27.—Copy of will of Sir Henry Willoughby, knt., (repeating to a large extent his will of 23 June, 1508).

236.

1512, April 30.—Indenture made between King Henry VIII. and Sir Henry Willoughby, "Knight for hys Body," whereby the said Sir Henry is retained to do the king service of war in the company and under the rule and conduct of Thomas, Marquis of Dorset, the Lieutenant-General of the army to be sent to the Duchies of Gascoyne and Guyen, the said Sir Henry to be Master of the Ordnance and Artillery. Sir Henry covenants to have in his retinue for the said service 836 able men, including himself, defensibly arrayed, for whom he is to receive pay as appointed in the indentures, dated May 1, 1512, between the king and the marquis of Dorset. Sir Henry is to have for his retinue lieutenants and "peti-capitanes" under him, wages, money for coats, conduct money from their houses to the seaside, shipping and re-shipping. He is to make his "moustres, vyeues, and revyeues." 236.

1512, July 6.—Indenture made at Fountraby, witnessing that Thomas Marvyn, "Porser of a shippe called '*the John Avangellist*,' prested for the portage of lxxiiij. tonns and charged from London with the kynges ordenaunce for the behoffe of his armee hether prepared and sent" under the command of Thomas, Marquis of Dorset, has delivered to Sir Henry Willoughby, knt., Master of the Ordnance, all the ordnance according to the said purser's indentures. For the ordnance so delivered, he has received from Sir William Sandes, knt., treasurer of the wars for the said Army, one whole month's wages, victuals and "tundage," accounted from June 10th to July 7th, the sum of 12*l.* 7*s.* 2*d.*, "lyke as was prested and payd for other two monthes byfore." Signed by "Thomas Brod, Master," and "Thomas Marvyn, Porser."

Another indenture of same date witnessing that Richard Nycols, "Purser of a ship of Plymmouth callyd '*the James Ilcombe*' prested for the portage of iiiii^x tonnes" for the same purpose as the preceding, has similarly delivered the ordnance in his charge and has received a month's wages, victuals and "tundage" for the same period amounting to 12*l.* 14*s.* 2*d.*

“Ordenaunce and Artyllary receyved out of the *James Ilcombe*, of Plymmouth, at Fountraby.

In primis in bylles	.. ..	M ⁱ ix ^c lxxxxiiiij.
Item chestes of bowes	.. ..	xxvj.
Item chestes of arowes	.. ..	xxxiiij.
Item oon baryll of owyll [=oil]	.. ..
Item in stones for curtalles ¹	.. ..	xl.
Item xviiij. barell’ of gonpowdir	.. ..
Item marespykes [= marlingspikes]	.. ..	cc.
Item oon short coffer with boltes and pynes of iron		
Item oon hoggysshed of talough	.. ..
Item oon hoggysshed of cresset lyghtes	.. ..
Item iiij. sowes of lead	.. ..
Item hakbusshes [= arquebuses]	.. ..	x.
Item oon hundreth pelletes [= bullets] for þe same		
Item ij. barelles of candelles	.. ..
Item iiij. payr of lymmars ²	.. ..
Item iiij. curtowes ¹ with their cartes	.. ..
Item iiij. serpentynes with their cartes	.. ..
Item cartwhelles	.. ..	xxviiij.
Item axelltrees	.. ..	xv.

[Added in another hand:]

Here after foleweth suche arttelary as was delyveryd onto

Master Marlon [= Morland] att Hamton.

Item yn chestys of bowes	.. ..	v.
Item yn chestys of arroys	.. ..	xviij.
Item yn Barryllys of gonpoder	.. ..	vj.
Item iiij. fawconys	.. ..
Item in hacbossys	.. ..	x.
Item a Barryll of bowstrynges	.. ..

Item delyveryd unto Master Dycby a sow of lede and a mole [= mould] for gonys.”

“Ordenaunce and Artillary receyved at Fountraby out of the *James* of Suffold [= Southwold].

In primis hakbusshes..	.. ..	vj.
Item chestes of arowes	.. ..	cxliij.
Item chestes of bowes	.. ..	vj.
Item marespykes [= marlingspikes]	.. ..	cxxv.
Spades and shovyilles..	.. ..	cc.
Item pykeaxes..	.. ..	xlviij.
Item in scowpes	.. ..	xxviij.
Item crowes of iron	.. ..	xx.
Item heggeyngbylles	.. ..	c.
Item hewyng axes	.. ..	xxix.
Item long bylles	.. ..	vij ^c xxij.
Item iiij ^c pelletes of lead	.. ..	iiij ^c .
Item oon barell’ of bowstrenge	.. ..

¹ Short-barrelled cannons. See *New English Dictionary*, s.v. ‘Cur-tal,’ II.

² ‘limbers,’ detachable fore-parts of the carriage of a field gun. See *New English Dictionary*, s.v. ‘Limber, sb. 1.’

Item viij. payre of cartewhelles
 Item half a barell' of gonpowdir
 Artyllary receyved out of the same ship at passage :
 Item spades and shovyilles c.
 Item pykaxes l.”

Similar indenture of same date witnessing that Adlard Donaby, “purser of a ship called ‘*the George*’ of Lyne, prested for the portage of lx. tonnes,” has delivered the ordnance committed to his charge, and has received for a month’s wages, victuals, and “tundage,” as above, the sum of *8l. 19s. 2d.* Signed by Donaby.

“Delyvered by me Adlard Donaby, Porss[er] of þe George of Lyne, unto þe handes of Edmond Westcot fro þe xxij. day of Juyne unto the xxx. day of þe same month as aperyth hereafter :

In primis in horsse harmnys clxxxvj.
 Item in gonpowder v last and ix. banelles.
 Item in cart whelles xx^{ti}
 Item a cheste with boltes and lynchpyns for cartes
 Item bodyes of cartes iiij.
 Item in horsshawmes [= horse-hames, collars] .. xvijj.
 Item þe crow with all th’apparyll
 Item þe gret crane, wyantinge iiij. peces that is in
 the *Jamys* of Sothwolld
 Item a chest with yerne wyark for þe same
 Item xx. bylles þat was delyverd out of þe *Mary*
Wyallsyngham at Southamton
 Item lanterns xxiiij.
 Item a sake [=sack] with naylles and iiij. cressettes.
 Item a chest with bowes and a noder of arowes
 whyche was delyverd out of þe *John*
Evangelyst at Southamton
 Item lewars [= levers] xx^{ti}
 Item v. sowes [= pigs] of lead

Delyverd to Sir Morys Barkley ij. barylles gonpowder at Sowthamton at þe commandment of Master Morland, þe xxj. day of May. Item more to Master Morland ij. b[arell]es gonpowder. Item delyverd to My Lord Marcos, þe xxiiij. day of May, ij. cressets. Item, þe same day, to Master Decby v. pesses tembar [= timber] for a pavyllon.

Per me Adlard Downaby, Porss[er] of the *George* of Lyne.”
 236.

1513, June 2.—Will of Sir Henry Willoughby, knt. 236.

1513, November 10.—Agreement between William Grey, of Woode Bevyngton, co. Warwick, gent., and Thomas Corfe, of Erdyngton Halle, in the same county, yoman, Robert Corfe, his son, and Alianore, wife of the said Robert, for the marriage of Laurence, son of the said William Grey, by the advise and oversight of Edward Capull, esquire, and William Wallys, of Ledbury, gent., with Anne, the daughter and heiress of the said William Wallys. (Much faded.) 236.

1516, February 11.—Will of John Bragebridge, of Kynnesbury, esquire. Executors: Mr. Thomas Wenloke, Vicar of Kynnesbury; and Henry Karyngton; “Seear” John Wyllughby, esq. Separate will attached regarding the disposition of his lands. [Prob. at Lambeth [blank] day of September, 1516.] 236.

1517, August 22.—Will of Simon Dygby, of the county of Warrewyk. Body to be buried in the chancel of the church of Colshull “under neth the Sepulcre.” Executors: Rowlande Dygby and Alice, wife of testator. [Proved at Lambeth, April 19, 1520.] 236.

[1518], August 25.—Letters of the signet of Henry VIII. to Sir Henry Willoughby appointing him a captain to raise and equip soldiers, notwithstanding the Statute of Retainers.

“H.R.

By the king.

Trusty and welbiloved, we grete you well. And albeit that by our grete studie, labour and policie, we have peax and amitie with all outwarde princes, by reason wherof this our reame and subgiettes of the same bee established not oonly in quiete and welthy condicion, but also in good ordre, yet forasmoche as to good policie it apperteigneth in tyme of peax to provide and forsee remedies against warre whan the same shall fortune; we therfor, entending the conservacion and contynuance of our said reame in semblable restfulness and good peax, for our honour and the suertie of us and of all our subgiettes of the same, have, by th’advise of our counsaill, thought right, expedient and necessarie to depute and assigne a good nombre of hable captans, our subgiettes, and to licence the same, by our lettres of placard auctorised by act of parliament last holden at our palays of Westminster, to retaigne a good and competent nombre of our subgiettes and the same to put in aredynesse, conveniently horsed and harneissed, to doo unto us service as wel within this our reame as elliswhere at our wages, whansoever and as often as we shall require and commaunde thaym soo to doo, without daungier or penaltie of any statutes or ordenaunces heretofore made against retaynours in that behalf. In consideracion wherof we, having assured trust and confidence in your fidelitie and true mynd towards us, have elected and chosen you to bee oon of thoes whom we entende to licence to retayne in fourme above specifiende: wherfor we wol and desir yow t’ascertaigne our secretary by your writing, by Alhalowtyde next commyng, what nombre of hable men, horsed and harneissed, to doo unto us service whan the caas shal require as above, ye maye and wol provide and put in aredynesse and also endent with us for. Upon knowlege wherof we shall not oonly graunte unto you our sufficient licence by our lettres of placarde to retaigne the said nombre without daungier or perill to ensue, either to you or to the personnes

soo by you to be retaigned, but also endent with you for the same accordingly. Willing and desiring you in suche wise t'ordre yourself in the premisses as we maye therby perceyve the towardly mynde ye have to doo unto us acceptable service.

Yeven undre our signet, at our manour of Grenewiche, the xxv. day of August.

[*Addressed* :] To oure trusty and welbiloved knight for our body Sir Henry Willoughby." 24.

1518, February 22.—Letters of signet of Henry VIII. for safe-conduct for John Willoughby during pilgrimage to Compostella, etc.

"Henry, by the grace of God, King of England and of Fraunce and Lord of Irland, to almaner our officers, ministres, and subgiettes, as well within this our reame and at our towne and merches of Calays as elleswher under our domynyon and obeissaunce, thies our lettres hering or seing, greting.

We late you wite that by thies presentes we have licenced our trusty and welbeloved John' Willoughby, squier, to departe at this tyme oute of this our said reame unto Saint James and other holye places in the parties of beyonde the see, for the performaunce of certain his advowes and pylgremages ther : wherfor we wol and commaunde you and every of you to whome in this caace it shall apperteigne to permytte and suffre the said John' Willoughby, with fyve servauntes and six horses ambeling or trotting in his companye, to passe by you with almaner his and their bagages and necessities liefull', without any your unlawfull' serche, lett or interrupcion to the contrarye, as ye and every of you tender our pleasere.

Yeven under our signet at our Castell' of Wyndesore, the xxij. daye of February, the ixth yere of oure reigne." 236.

1518, October 11.—Copy of inquisition *post Mortem* of Guicherd Harbotell, late of Proudowe, [Prudhoe, parish of Ovingham, co. Northumberland], esquire, who died 9 Sept., 1513. His son George, of the age of 10 years and over, is his heir. 236.

[1518 ?]—Petition from Sir Henry Willoughby, knt., to the king praying for a grant of the wardship of the lands, etc., of the late Guychard Harbotell, of Beamysse, co. Northumberland, esq., and of his heir, George Harbotell. 236.

[1518 ?]—Agreement between Margaret, Lady Ogle, and Sir Henry Wyloughby, knt., concerning the wardship of George Harbottell, with signatures of the two parties. 236.

1518 - 19. — Estreats of the Sessions of the Peace at Warwick. 271.

1519-20.—The like.

271.

1519-20.—Estreats of the Court held before the Justices of the Peace at Leicester. 271.

1519, January 27.—A letter of fraternity of the Guild of St. Mary in the Church of St. Botolph, Boston,¹ printed by Richard Pinson in black letter on parchment. The initial letter encloses an engraving of the Virgin Mary with the infant Christ in her arms. The parts written in ink in this letter are here printed in *Italics*. The orthography of the original is preserved.

Universis et singulis Cristi fidelibus presentes litteras inspecturis, nos Aldermannus et Camerarii Gilde seu Confraternitatis in honore Dive Marie Virginis in Ecclesia Sancti Botulphi de Boston, Lincoln. diocesis, institute, salutem in Omnium Salvatore.

Universitati vestre innotescat, quod felicis recordationis Nicolaus Quintus, Pius Secundus, Sixtus Quartus, Innocentius VIII., Julius Secundus, necnon sanctissimus in Cristo pater et dominus noster, Dominus Leo hujus nominis Decimus, divina providentia, Papa modernus, plures veras et notabiles indulgentias utriusque sexus dicte Confraternitatis sive Gilde confratribus, presentibus et futuris, ad quos onus sustentationis septem sacerdotum et xij. puerorum divina officia in dicta ecclesia quotidie celebrantium et administrantium, necnon xij. pauperum, aliorumque nonnullorum onerum quotidie accidentium spectat, misericorditer et gratiose concesserunt, prout in Apostolicis ipsorum literis, ad quas nos referimus, plene continetur.

In primis, quod omnes utriusque sexus confratres dicte Gilde, presentes et futuri, sibi presbiterum idoneum,—id est, per interpretationem Leonis X. Pape moderni, rite promotum, nullis censuris ecclesiasticis publice irretitum²—secularem vel regularem in eorum possint, et quilibet eorum possit, eligere confessorum, qui, vita eis comite, in casibus Sedi Apostolice reservatis semel in vita et in mortis articulo, in aliis vero quotiens opportunum fuerit, confessionibus eorum diligenter auditis, pro commissis eis debitam absolutionem impendere et injungere penitentiam salutarem; quodque idem, vel alius confessor idoneus, quem ducent eligendum, omnium peccatorum suorum, de quibus corde contriti et ore confessi fuerint, etiam semel in vita et tam in vero mortis articulo, quam etiam quando de eorum morte hesitari contigerit, etiam si tunc mors non subsequatur, plenariam remissionem concedere; ecclesiasticos etiam, qui per impotentiam, negligentiam,

¹ It may be noted that an imperfect printed broadside of dispensation and privileges in English of the Guild of Our Lady of Scala Caeli in the same church, about 1505-10, is preserved in the Sanders Collection at Cambridge (C. E. Sayle, *Early English Printed Books in the University Library*, Cambridge, i., p. 62).

² *public irretitum*, original.

oblivionem, et corporis debilitatem, vel librorum defectum aut alias, de injunctis eis penitentiis ac divinis offitiis, vel horis canonicis quicquam omiserint, ab hujusmodi excessibus et delictis, quotiens oportunum foret, absolvere; ac juramenta quecunque, sine alicui juris prejuditio relaxare; et vota quecunque ultra marina¹ liminum Beatorum Apostolorum Petri et Pauli, ac Sancti Jacobi in Compostella necnon, castitatis et religionis votis dumtaxat exceptis, in alia pietatis opera leviora commutare; necnon super quacunq̄ue irregularitate a sententia canonis vel hominis contracta, preterquam ratione bigamie vel homicidii voluntarii, in foro conscientie dumtaxat, dispensare possit et valeat.

Item quod quilibet confrater super altare portatili, in locis etiam non sacris ac etiam ordinaria auctoritate interdictis, per se ipsos qui presbiteri sint, et tam ipsi quam ceteri non presbiteri per alium presbiterum ydoneum secularem vel regularem in eorum et cujuslibet ipsorum ac familiarum suorum domesticorum presentia, etiam antequam illucescat dies, circa tamen diurnam lucem—id est, per interpretationem Leonis Decimi, statim post horam tertiam medie noctis—[divina] celebrare seu celebrari facere, illaque audire, et eis interesse, necnon tempore interdicti hujusmodi Eucharistiam ac omnia et singula alia sacramenta ecclesiastica, etiam in locis interdictis hujusmodi, sine alicujus prejuditio, recipere et administrare; et si eos, aut eorum aliquem, tempore hujusmodi interdicti ab hac luce migrare contigerit, dummodo hujusmodi interdicto causam non dederint, corpora eorum ecclesiastice sepulture sine funerali pompa tradi libere et licite possint; nec cuiquam confratrum, quacunq̄ue morte moriatur, ecclesiastica sepultura hujusmodi denegari valeat.

Item idem sanctissimus pater Leo X. decernit (*sic*) et declaravit, omnes et singulos utriusque sexus Cristi fideles, qui in singulis quartis et sextis feriis et diebus Sabbati totius anni, vel in earundem feriarum aut dierum aliqua, non solum predictam Sancte Marie, sed etiam aliquam aliam capellam seu ecclesiam, ubi eos moram trahere contigerit, quam eorum quilibet pro tempore duxerit eligendam, devote visitaverint, et semel Orationem Dominicam cum salutatione angelica ac Simbolo Apostolorum orando recitaverint, vel missas i (*sic*) Beate Marie, etiam si illam pro tempore ampliorem seu latiore fieri contigerit, aut alia capella seu ecclesia eligenda, hujusmodi superaltari vel altaribus ad hoc tunc ordinatis, seu ordinandis, per seipsos, si presbiteri fuerint, vel alios presbiteros pro eis et aliis vivis, aut etiam per modum suffragii pro animabus defunctorum in purgatorio existentium, qui per caritatem Cristi unite ab hac luce decesserint, celebrari fecerint, et pro manutentione et sustentatione dictorum et aliorum eidem Confraternitati incumbentium onerum manus adjutrices porrexerint, quotiens id fecerint, non solum ipsas indulgentias et peccatorum remissiones prefatam Capellam

¹ *marino*, original.

“Scalam Celi” nuncupatam, sed etiam Ecclesiam Sancti Johannis Latranensis de dicta urbe, quando ibi stationes prefate celebrantur, visitantibus et in illis celebrantibus et celebrari facientibus pro vivis aut mortuis concessas consequi, necnon eisdem defunctis in purgatorio existentibus ipsa plenissima indulgentia concessa celebrantibus seu celebrari facientibus, ut prefertur, per modum suffragii pro plenaria peccatorum expiatione et penarum relaxatione suffragari, ac plenariam peccatorum remissionem, quam capellam predictam Beate Marie Virginis in Assumptionis et Nativitatis Beate Marie devote visitantibus, et ad supportationem onerum predictorum, juxta eorum devotionem, manus adjutrices porrigentibus, ut prefertur, concessit ab omni prorsus pena et culpa fuisse et intelligi debere esse concessam.

Item quod omnes et singuli confratres predicti utriusque sexus, presentes et futuri, qui quamcunque ecclesiam sive capellam, in locis ubi eos residere contigerit, in Resurrectionis sacramenti corporis Christi, Pentecostes, et Sancti Michaelis Archangeli in mense Septembris festivitatis, in prima Dominica Quadragesime, ac ipsarum festivitatum, et prime Dominice octavis, devote visitaverint, et ibi Orationem Dominicam cum salutatione angelica hujusmodi recitaverint, vel si absentes a civitate vel diocesi Lincolnensi fuerint, et elemosinas erogaverint, vel Orationem Dominicam cum salutatione hujusmodi recitaverint, quotiens id fecerint, ut premititur, omnium et singulorum peccatorum suorum remissionem consequentur (*sic*).

Item quod omnes et singuli confratres et consorores, et eorum parentes defuncti, qui cum caritate decesserunt, in omnibus precibus, suffragiis, elemosinis, jejuniis, orationibus, missis, horis canonicis, disciplinis, peregrinationibus, et ceteris omnibus bonis qui fiunt, et fieri poterunt, in tota universali ecclesia militanti et omnibus membris ejusdem, participes sint et efficiantur.

Item quod predicti confratres et consorores Quadragesimalibus et aliis jejuniorum temporibus seu diebus, quibus esus lacticiniorum de jure vel consuetudine est prohibitus, ovis, caseo, butiro, lacte, et aliis lacticiniis libere et absque conscientie scrupulo, carnibus vero de consilio utriusque medici, uti et vesci possint.

Item quod omnes et singuli Cristi fideles, cujuscunque dignitatis, status, aut ordinis fuerint, qui Camerarios prefatos, aut eorum substitutos, ad premissa adjuvant, Cristique fideles ad porrigendas manus adjutrices dicte Confraternitati et ut se in illa conscribi faciant induxerint, quotiens id fecerint, quingentos annos indulgentie consequantur.

Item quod indulgentie, peccatorum remissiones, facultates, et indulta predicta sub quibusvis suspensionibus vel revocationibus quarumcunque indulgentiarum facultatum, privilegiorum indultorum per Sedem predictam, etiam in favore

Basilice principis Apostolorum de Urbe aut Cruciate contra infideles, aut ecclesiarum domorum fratrum ordinis heremitarum Sancti Augustini in dicto regno Anglie existentium, et pro reparatione earum hactenus quomodolibet factis, vel faciendis, nullatenus comprehendantur, sed ab illis semper excepte; et quotiens illas et illa revocari, suspendi, modificari, restringi, seu reduci contigerit, totiens in pristinum et eum statim sicuti nunc sint reposita, restituta, et reintegrata censeantur et existant.

Item mandatum est, auctoritate Apostolica, universis et singulis reverendissimis ac reverendis patribus archiepiscopis, episcopis, ac eorum officialibus quibuscunque, necnon rectoribus, vicariis, capellanis, et aliis quarumcunque ecclesiarum ministris quibuscunque, ut Aldermanis [et] Camerariis dicte Confraternitatis pro tempore existentibus, seu eorum deputatis, circa collectionem annuam debiti supradicti a confratribus dicte Confraternitatis, ac receptionem novorum confratrum opem et auxilium prebeant.

Item quod quilibet confrater omnium et singulorum indultorum, privilegiorum, indulgentiarum, et concessionum dicte Confraternitati sive Gilde concessorum particeps imperpetuum efficiatur.

Nos igitur Aldermannus et Camerarii antedicti, quibus hec faciendi tributa et commissa est potestas, dilectum nobis in Christo *Thomam Willughby, armigerum, et Brigittam uxorem ejus* intra nostrorum confratrum numerum elegimus, aggregamus, et admittimus, indultorumque ac concessionum, necnon omnium suffragiorum et bonorum operum spiritualium nostrorum particeps semper fore et esse volumus ac innotescimus per presentes.

In quorum omnium et singulorum testimonium, sigillum commune dicte Gilde presentibus appendi fecimus.

Data Boston', xxvij.^o die mensis *Januarii*, anno Domini M. CCCC. xvijj.

Per me Johannem Sixtinum, u[triusque] j[uris] doctorem.

Per me Petrum Potkyn, legum doctorem.

Impressum per me Ricardum Pynson, Regis Impressorem.

Written at Foot: Admissus per Willelmum Temper, Camerarium, et solvit vjs. viij*d.*; et sic debet solvere annuatim quousque xxvjs. viij*d.* sint plenarie persoluti, et sic esse quietum sine ulteriori solutione.

Fragment of seal, with figure of the Virgin Mary crowned and Child.

24.

1520, October 6.—Will of John Wylloughby, esquire, in his own writing, “purpasyng, with the grace of God, to goo to Rome of pylgramag’, dredyng soden chansus, perels and jeoperdes in my journey.” Anthony Fitzherbert, his brother [in law], sole executor. “To my cosyn his wyffe my corall’ beydes with gawdes of gold.” My brother Zowch. My sister Ales. My brother Hew. My cousin Cumberforth. My

“neyvy” Henry Wyllughby. My brother Edward’s wife. “To the new beydhowse at Wollaton a scheylett [= skillet], a posnett, a chafur, a peyr tonges and a fyr’ ern.” “Item to Mastres Wyluowr’ the boke that schew hath of myn. Item to Sir Robert Scheypert the boke that he hath of myn. Item to Wollaton Chyrch’ a corporas with a case. Item to Wyllughby Chyrch’ a corporas case. Item to my cosyn Cecily Curson ij. of my best Ynglysch’ bokes. Item to my cosyn Mar’ hyr syster an other Ynglysch boke.” My sister Dudley. Richard Smyth, parson. 236.

1521.—Papal indulgence granted to Henry Willoughby and others.

Ut animarum salutis devotorum oratorum vestrorum Henrici Wyllooghby, Eduardi Bellnappe (*sic*), Johannis Oche, Johannis Markan, Eduardi Feres, Johannis Birron, Johannis Dygby, Johannis Ulloghby,¹ Eduardi Ulloghby, Anthonii Phytheherberd,² Guillermi Alston, Johannis Melford, Thome Cheleram, Guillermi More, Guillermi Bue, Rogeri Necham, Thome Lyndem, Johannis Dauton, Francisci Cyroneau, et Helie Breul, conjugatorumque vestrorum (*sic*), ac eorum utriusque sexus liberorum, pravintie (*sic*) Cantu[ariensis et Pictavensis, vel alterius dioceseos, salubrius consulatur, supplicant humiliter sanctitati vestre dicti oratores, q[uatenus ei]s et eorum cuilibet specialem gratiam facientes, ut confessor idoneus secularis vel cujusvis ordinis regularis presbyter, quem quilibet ipsorum duxerit eligendum, ipsos et eorum quemlibet a quibusvis excommunicationis, suspensionis, et interdicti, aliisque ecclesiasticis sententiis, censuris et penis a jure vel ab homine quavis occasione vel causa latis, ac votorum quorumcunque et ecclesie mandatorum transgressionibus, perjuriorum et homicidii casualis vel mentalis reatibus, manuum violentarum in quasvis personas ecclesiasticas, non tamen prelatos, de preterito injectionibus, jejuniorum, horarumque³ canonicarum ac divinatorum officiorum et penitentiarum injunctarum in toto vel in parte omissionibus; Necnon ab omnibus et singulis eorum peccatis, criminibus, et delictis quantuncunque gravibus et enormibus, de quibus corde contriti et ore confessi fuerint, etiam si talia forent propter que sedes apostolica merito foret consulenda, de reservatis, exceptis contentis in bulla “Cena Domini,” semel in anno et in mortis articulo, et quotiens de illo dubitabitur, etiam si tunc mors non subsequatur, de aliis vero eidem sedi non reservatis casibus totiens quotiens opus fuerit absolvere, et pro commissis penitentiam salutarem injungere, vota vero quecunque ultramarine visitationis liminum apostolorum Petri et Pauli de Urbe ac Jacobi in Compostella, religionis et castitatis votis duntaxat

¹ Willoughby.

² Fitzherbert.

³ *hararum*, MS.

exceptis, in alia pietatis opera commutare et juramenta quecunque sine juris alieni prejudicio relaxare; ac semel in anno et in mortis articulo et quotiens de morte dubitabitur, licet tunc mors non subsequatur, plenariam omnium peccatorum suorum remissionem et absolutionem auctoritate apostolica impendere valeat; liceatque eis et eorum cuilibet habere altare portatile cum debitis reverentia et honore, super quo in locis ad hoc congruentibus et honestis, etiam non sacris et ecclesiastico interdicto ordinaria auctoritate seu apostolica suppositis, dummodo causam non dederint hujusmodi interdicto et fecerint quantum in eis fuerit quod ea, propter que appositum fuit apostolicum interdictum, executioni debite demandentur, etiam antequam elucescat dies, circa tamen diurnam lucem, in sua et familiarum suorum domesticorum presentia missas et alia divina officia celebrare seu celebrari facere, ac tempore interdicti hujusmodi divinis interesse, ac eucharistiam et alia ecclesiastica sacramenta a quocunque presbytero quando, ubi et quotiens videbitur, etiam in Pascate, et sine licentia rectoris parochialis ecclesie, absque tamen ejus prejudicio, recipere, et decedentium eorundem oratorum corpora cum funerali pompa ecclesiastice tradi possint sepulture; et insuper unam vel duas ecclesias aut duo vel tria altaria in partibus ubi singulos oratores pro tempore residere contigerit, Quadragesimalibus et aliis diebus stationum urbis Rome visitando, tot et similes indulgentias ac peccatorum remissiones consequantur, quas consequerentur si singulis diebus eisdem singulas dicte urbis et extra eam ecclesias propter stationes hujusmodi deputatas ac citra plenarias Beate Marie de Populo, de Pace, et de Loreto, ac basilicarum Sancti Johannis Lateranensis et Beate Marie Majoris de Urbe ac si personaliter visitaret; preterea eisdem Quadragesimalibus et aliis temporibus prohibitis, unacum eorum familiaribus continuis commensalibus et ad eorum mensam pro tempore discumbentibus, ovis, butiro, caseo, et aliis lacticiniis, carnibus vero de utriusque medici consilio, uti et frui; ceterum, ut singule oratrices unacum quatuor aliis honestis mulieribus quater in anno quecunque monasteria monialium cujusvis, etiam Sancte Clare ordinis, de licentia inibi presidentium ingredi ac cum eisdem monialibus conversari, dummodo ibidem non pernoctent; Necnon quod Terram Dominicam et totiens Angelicam orationes singulis diebus in sonitu campane post Completorium dictum *Ave Maria* devote recitando quinquaginta dies indulgentiarum consequi possint et valeant, concedere et indulgere dignemini de gratia speciali, non obstantibus constitutionibus et ordinationibus apostolicis ac cancellarie apostolice regulis necnon quibusvis revocationibus et suspensionibus quarumvis similium vel dissimilium, s[e]u etiam in favorem fabrice basilice principis apostolorum Sancti Petri de Urbe ac Sancte Cruciate concessis forsitan hactenus seu imposterum concedendis, ceterisque contrariis quibuscunque, cum clausis oportunitis et consuetis.

Et de reservatis semel in anno et in mortis articulo, etc., premissis exceptis ut supra

Et de non reservatis sedi predictæ casibus, tociens quotiens opus fuerit, ut premittitur

Et de commutatione votorum et relaxatione juramentorum ut supra, et de plenaria remissione et absoluteione semel in anno et in mortis articulo a pena et culpa ac aliis, modo et forma premissis

Et de altari portatili cum clausa "ante diem" et "in locis interdictis," ut premittitur

Et quod tempore interdicti corpora oratorum ecclesiastice tradi possint sepulture, ut prefertur

Et de indulgentiis stationum Urbis, visitando ecclesias vel altaria, ut supra

Et de esu ovorum, butiri, casei, et aliorum lactiniorum ac carniū, ut supra

Et de ingrediendo monasteria monialium pro mulieribus, ut supra

Et de indulgentia quinquaginta dierum in sonitum campane post completorium

Et quod presens indultum duret ad vitam singulorum oratorum, nec comprehendatur sub quibusvis revocationibus necnon derogationibus et suspensionibus, etc., modo et forma premissis; et quod presentium transumptis manu notarii publici subscriptis et sigillo alicujus persone in dignitate ecclesiastica constitute munitis, fides detur: Que simul vel ad partem pro quolibet oratore aliis omissis, etiam exprimendo nomina et cognomina, qualitates eorum ac uxorum et liberorum, fieri possint; Et quod presentis supplicationis sola signatura sufficiat absque aliarum expeditione litterarum

Concessum ut petitur, in presentia Domini nostri pape: F. Cardinalis Ursinus.

Julianus de Datis, Dei et apostolice sedis gratia, episcopus Sancti Leonis, sanctissimi in Christo Patris et Domini nostri domini Leonis, divina providentia, pape Decimi, in basilica principis apostolorum de Urbe minor penitentiarius, universis et singulis presentes litteras inspecturis salutem in Domino sempiternam. Notum facimus et attestamur, quod litteras originales confessionalis, quarum copia preinseritur, vidimus, tenuimus et diligenter inspeximus, easque manu reverendissimi in Christo patris et domini domini Franciotti, miseratione divina, Sancti Georgii sacrosancte Romane ecclesie diaconi cardinalis de Ursinis, in domini nostri pape prefati presentia signatas fuisse et esse reperimus: idcirco, pro parte venerabilis viri domini Guillermi Alston, monachi ordinis Sancti Benedicti, Coventrensis dioceseos, principalis in preinsertis litteris inter ceteros oratores principaliter nominati, debita cum instantia requisiti, ipsas transumi, exemplari, transcribi, et in hanc publicam transumpti formam redigi, ac per notarium publicum infrascriptum subscribi et publicari

mandavimus; decernentes huic presenti transumpto in iudicio et extra tantam fidem debere adhiberi qualis et quanta dictis originalibus litteris data est et adhibita, dareturque et adhiberetur si in medium producerentur, quibus omnibus premissis sic per nos re factis auctoritatem nostram interposuimus et interponimus presentium per tenorem pariter et decretum.

In quorum fidem sigillum nostrum presentibus duximus apponendum. Datum et actum Rome in do[mo ?] m residentie, sub anno a Nativitate Domini millesimo quingentesimo vigesimo primo, Indictione nona, die vero [blank] mensis [blank], pontificatus prelibati domini nostri domini Leonis pape Decimi anno nono, presentibus ibidem venerabilibus viris dominis Johanne Andrea de Zoellis, archidiacono Britonoriensi et [incomplete]. 24.

1521, August 1.—Letter of the Guardian of the Observant Friars of Mount Sion creating Sir John Willoughby a Knight of the Holy Sepulchre.

In Dei Omnipotentis nomine, Amen. Notum sit omnibus presentes nostras litteras inspecturis, qualiter, hoc anno Salutis nostre M. D. XXI., generosus ac nobilis vir Dominus Johannes Villughby, de Anglia, nuper ad sacratissima terre sancte mysteria visitanda, magno devotionis affectu, se contulerit, Deoque opitulante, multis transactis periculis, loca sanctissima petierit et in primis ardentissimo sanctum Dominicum Sepulchrum visitavit, sanctissimosque Calvarie, Syon et Oliveti montes, Virginisque intemerate sepulchrum in medio vallis Josaphat, nativitatis quoque et presepii Salvatoris nostri in Bethleem Juda, fluentaque Jordanis et Quarantani montes, et omnia alia a modernis Christi fidelibus perigrinis visitari solita, non modico labore, et, ob locorum anfractus, maximo discrimine et, expensis plurimis circumvit, atque iteratis precibus devote personaliter adoravit, et, ostendens veram Christiani nominis professionem, omnia adversa magnanimiter pertulit.

Idcirco, ego Frater Zenobius Masius, de Florentia, Ordinis Minorum regularis obs[ervancie] sacri Conventus Montis Syon guar[dianus] ceterorumque locorum Terre Sancte commiss[arius] (licet immeritus), animadvertens ejusdem Domini stemmata, ceterasque ejus virtutes, quibus Sanctissimi Sepulchri Milites dotati esse tenentur, motu proprio impulsus, ob immensam ejusdem Domini Johannis devotionem in hec sacrosancta mysteria, et singulares zelus in totius religionis augmentum, et erga seraphici Patris nostri Franci[sci] ordinem, prefatum Dominum Johannem, auctoritate apostolica mihi in hac parte cum plenitudine potestatis commissa singulari privilegio et gratia, Sanctissimi Sepulchri jam dicti Militem institui, ordinavi, et benedixi, ac per presentes institutum, ordinatum, et benedictum super Gloriosissimo Domini Sepulchro denuncio; decernens insuper, eundem posse deferre Sancte Crucis,

Sanctissimi Sepulchri seu Sancti Georgii insignia publice vel secreta, prout sibi placuerit; dotans ipsum omnibus gratiis, privilegiis ac muneribus hujus Sancte Militie, quibus uti omnibus locis gaudereque sine aliqua interpellatione possit et debeat, quibus ceteri Milites Sanctissimi Sepulchri uti et frui consueverunt.

In quorum omnium fidem ac robur tutissimum presentes fieri jussi ac sigillo Sanctissimi Sepulchri consueto muniri ac roborari feci, manuque propria me subscripsi.

Datum Hierosolimis, in arce Syon cenaculo Christi sanctissimo, anno, quo supra, Die Mercurii, prima Augusti.

Frater Zenobius subscripsi manu propria me, F.Z.

[1525,] August 6.—Commission under the signet to Sir Henry Willoughby to repress riot in Coventry.¹

“ Henry R. By the king.

Trusty and welbeloved, we grete you wel. And forasmuche as we understande that on Lammas day last passed a grete ryot and unlaful assemble with other enormytes wer commytted in and nere unto our cite of Coventry by diverse light and evil disposed personnes of the same, and that it is to us yet unknowen whether the said enormytes be repressed or not: we, not willing the same to contynue or passe unpunished, for the daunger and evil exemple that may ensue therof, have by our other lettres instructed our right entierly beloved cousin the Marques Dorset the maner and fourme howe we wol that he, with your assistance, power and strength, or otherwise as he shal thynke good, shal procede to the repressing and due correccion of the said offendours. Wherefore we, trusting in your perfitt fidelities, wol and desire you that, according to suche ordre as our said cousin shal geve unto you in that behalf, ye, with suche persons as ye may make, if he require the same, do geve your attendance and assistance unto our said cousin in execucion of the premisses, as well for repressing of the said offendours, if the same be not alreedy don, as for inquire to be made upon the offence, by vertue of suche commission as we have sent to our said cousin and other for that porpose, and that with al effect, spede and good endeavour as we trust yow and as ye tender our pleasur, willing yow furthermorre that in al suche thinges as our said cousin shal shewe unto you in the premisses, ye wol geve unto hym ferme credence as shal appartain.

Yeven under our signet, at our maner of [Grene]weche (?), the vijth day of Auguste.

[*Addressed* :] To our trusty and welbeloved servaunt Sir Henry Willoughbe, knight.”

¹ The letter of the Marquis of Dorset and Sir Henry Willoughby, dated 12 August, 1525, giving an account of their proceedings by virtue of this commission is noticed in the *Calendar of State Papers 1525*, no. 1568. See also no. 1743.

Signet seal (shield of royal arms and crown surrounded by collar of SS) impressed upon paper-covered wax. 24.

[1539 ?]—“Informacions agaynst Sir Gylles Strangways, knyght, of certayne his mysdemeanors done in Dorsetshire as hereafter folowyth.

Furst it is too be sertefyed that certayne of the housold servauntes of Sir Gylles Strangways, too the number of thre or iiijth, that were nere aboute hym, parte of theym watyng apon hym in his chamber, of late yeres were accused too robe poore men in the cuntre, as well in theyr housis as by the heyghway, and when the parties that were robed dyd sett forth ther accusement agaynst his said servauntes afore ther faces and in the presens of ther master afore the justices syttyng apon the benche, the poore men then avouyng that they the servauntes of the said Sir Gylles had robbed theym at certayne tyme and place by theym then named, yet the said Master Sir Gylles dyd soo bere theym his said servauntes in ther evyll doyng, havyng suche persons impanelled too inquire of the same felonyes as were assured frendes too the same Sir Gylles, and suche as dyd long to him, that notwythstandyng good evydence was gyffen by the parties that were robed afore the justices, sayng ‘thes ar the persons in presens that dyd robe us,’ yet noo indyctament culd be found in the same shire at no assises nor sessions agaynst his said servauntes, wiche said felonyes was aleged and set forth for the moste parte at every sessions by the space of one holle yere too gather. And when certayne nobyllmen and other gentylnen and pore men dyd perceve suche beryng and perjurye used in that shire by the supporting of the same Sir Gylles, then the same men dyd complayne at London too the kynges councell, allegyng the unlawfull beryng of the said Sir Gylles and the felonyes commytted by his said servauntes. At wiche tyme the said councell, havyng afore theym emonges other one of the said Sir Gylles servauntes named Jamys Ferror in examinacion, the same Jamys Ferror confessed parte of the same felonyes agaynst hym by the pore men alleged too be trew, the same Jamys then watyng upon the same Sir Gylles in . . . shier, wiche confession the same Jamys Ferror beyng assigned by the said councell too suffer deth for his demeryttes, Sir Gylles Strangways dyd othayne of the kynges Grace his pardon, and the other ij. or iiij. servauntes too the said Sir Gylles, because the wold not confesse ther faultes as the said Jamys Ferror dyd, they contynewed styll in the service of ther sayd master wythout any punyshement.

Item, at another tyme two other of the howshold servauntes of the same Sir Gylles commytted other felonyes, and one of theym named Brynabell dyd robe his said master Sir Gylles, apon the wiche robere Sir Gylles caused hym to be indycted, and after, when the felonie was araned, Sir Gylles, havyng his

good restored, absentyd hymselfe owte of the hall, and wold gyfe no evydence, and soo the felony was acquite.

Also one Wylliam Sampson, not a yere passyd, was indyted vth tymes of sundry felonies, and fiede apou the same felonyes, and the good stollen restored to the partyes that ought it, and after the same Wylliam Sampson was by the meanes of the same Sir Gylles acquite, and after that acquitt-all the same Wylliam Sampson named hymselfe to be the sarvaunte of the same Syr Gyles Strangways, besydes dyvers other mo felonies by his sarvauntes and other persons commyttyd, wyche be cloked and advoyded wythout any refformacion, in wyche so doyng the same Sir Gylles doyth not only appere to be a gret berer agaynst the kynges lawys, but also doyth cause miche perjurie to be commyttyd and used in that shire.

Also to prove the same Sir Gylles to be a gret berer in the courte, the same Sir Gylles within thys ij. yeres last passyd, after that a pore man had taken the peace of hys neyghbor named John Roke, he causyd the pore man to contynew the askyng of the peace agaynst the sayd John Roke, where the pore man wolde have releasyd the same peace, but that Sir Gylles dyd advyse the pore man to the contrari, wherby he causyd dyscencion to contynew betwxyt ij. neyghbers for the malice that the same Sir Gylles hade to one of them, for by the procurement of the same Sir Gylls the same John Roke, agaynst whome the peace was askyd, afterward was indyted of forceable entre and ryott wrongfully for kepyng of hys owne house and grounde, wherin the sayd John Roke hade bene in peasabyll possession by the space of xij. yeres and more. And for farther prove thereof, when the ij. pore men were agreed in the same matter, then the same Sir Gylles dyd take dysplesure therwith, and rebuked theym that they dyd make the awarde and agrement betwxyt the sayd ij. pore man (*sic*), wherby appered that Sir Gylles was not contentyd that unite and peace shulle be betwyx the sayd ij. pore men being neyghbors, for malyce that he dyd bere to the sayd John Roke, beyng tenant to Sir Edward Wyllughby.

Other articles to prove that Syr Gylls Strangways ys a procurer to breke the kynges peace and a dysturber of the kynges people, as well at the tyme of the assisses when the juges were ther as at the tyme of Quarter Sessions at sundrey tymes as hereafter folowyth.

Item where ther was certayn riotiuse persons at Wynburne during the tyme of a fayre ther holden, wyth swordes, hylles, and other wapens, sekyng the sarvauntes of Syr Edward Wyllughby to feyght wyth them, and at the laste fyndyng one of the husbände men of the seid Syr Edward and a prest togethers in a company, then and ther dyd stryke downe unto the grounde the sarvaunt of the said Sir Edwarde, suposyng that they had kylled hym, and then assautyd the prest, thrustyng ther daggers and swordes at hym and thorow

his gowne, thynkyng also to have kylled hym, whereapon he slypped owt of his gowne and flede into the churche yarde, wyche ryotuose persons after that they hade serched and inquired thorow all the towne of Wynburne to feyght wyth Sir Edward Wyllughby servauntes, then they the said ryotuose persons dyd stryke and hurte dyvers other of the kynges subjectes in ther rage, to the number of xxiiij^{ti} persons, and so walkyd wyth ther wapons draune thorowowt the towne, strykyng alway abowt them that they causyd all the kynges people ther beyng in the fayre and market to trusse upp ther marchandyes and to forsake the sayd market for fere of the sayd ryotuose persons, whereapon the justyces next adjonyng causyd a sessions to sytt and inquere apon the sayd ryott, and when Syr Gylys Strangways and his frendes percevyng a sessions to be appoyntyd to inquire of the sayd ryott commyttyd by the servauntes of Sir Thomas Lyne and hys frendes, then the same Sir Gylys comyng thether to Wynburne, bryngyng wyth hym certayn gentyllmen, beyng under his riulle and commandment, to be impanullyd of the grete inquest to the intent that the sayd ryot shud not be founde agaynst his frendes ; by reason of wyche beryng of the sayd Sir Gylys agaynst the kyng this riott coulede not be by no jure then and ther founde, whereapon the sayd ryott was afterwarde complayned of in the Ster Chamber affore the kynges counsell, and ther by good wytnessys provyd, as apperyth of recorde there, and afterwarde the sayd ryotuose persons appon proses agaynst theym made was proclaymed trators and rebelleus, and parte of them flede the contre for fere of punysshement. Whereby apperyth the power and auctoryte and the unlauffull beryng of the sayd Sir Gylys in that shyre, wher no matters wylbe founde nor passe by vardyt contrari to his pleasure.

Item, at another tyme Syr Gylys Strangways wyth the nombre of iij. score or iiij. score persons, wyth all maner of wapons in forceable maner vyolentlie dyd come to Blanforde, and they dyd fysshe the water in dyspyte of Syr John Rogers and all hys power, wyche Syr John rayased an C. persons to wythstande the sayd Syr Gylys, but that assemble notwythstandyng, Syr Gylys being appoyntyd to come wythe his nettes in cartes, bryngyng wyth hym suche an unlauffull and ryottous company and assemble, wyth force dyd fysshe ther, and Syr John Rogers wyth force was compellyd to suffer hym to fysshe in hys water and durste not deffend him for fere of morder and manslawter, wyche ryot and unlauffull assemble was never founde nor presentyd in that schere, whare nothyng canne be founde contrary to the mynde of the sayd Syr Gylys.

Also certayne other articles ther be too prove the same Sir Gylles a supportor and mayntener of frays and breker of the kynges peace as folowyth.

Furst, where that Sir Edward Wyllughby was at a sessions at Dorchester, serving the kyng as his dewty was and is, Master Henry Strangways, the son of the same Sir Gylles, in the sessions tyme, when the justices was syttyng, the sayd Sir Edward and Sir John Rogers was walkyng toogathers frome the benche of the sessions arme in arme, the said Master Henry Strangways not only appoyntyng certayne persons too the number of xl^{ti} too be redy in the strett with bylls and swordes redy too mete and feight with the sayd Sir Edward at his commyng owt of the hall by the appoyntement of the sayd Master Strangways, but also he the same Master Henry Strangways dyd sodenly stryke at the said Sir Edward, havyng Sir John Rogers by the arme, and with a naked sworde cute his cheyne frome aboute his neke, wiche ryott was nor never culde be founde in that schyr by reason of the beryng of the same Sir Gylles, notwithstanding the said ryot was commytted duryng the tyme that the justices was syttyng at the sessions hall at Dorchestre in the syght of the same justices, wyche ryot and fray was afterward by the said Sir Edward complayned of in the Ster Chamber, and ther proved by good wytnes as apereth therof of record at this day.

At another tyme also, when the justices of the assise dyd syt at Dorchester, on Foway, servant to the same Sir Gyles, in an evenyng, without any discension or cause of gruge, sodenly without warnyng dyd stryke on Richard Dooll, servant to Sir Edward Wyllughby, with a naked swerd upon the face and heed that he the same Foway at the same stroke had ner kyllled the same Doll, strykyng hym to the grownd, and then the same Foway therapon advoyded and wold not be knowen of the fray or hurt that it schuld be hys dede, nor the justices of assise upon inquere cold not kno who duryng the assises tyme had done that ded, and yet that notwithstanding the same Sir Gyles dyd and doth continually kepe the same Foway styll in his service without communicacion or punyshment or answer made to the same Doll, who dyd lye at surgery by the space of viij. wekes, wherby apereth the unlawfull maintenance of the same Sir Gyles.

Also the same Sir Gylles, at the last sessyons holden at Sherborne, the xxxⁱⁱ yere of oure soverayne Lorde the kyng that now is, havyng gruge and malyce in hes mynde to the seide Sir Edwarde, then and ther at the seid sessyons syttyng upon the benche, havyng no respecte to the service that he and all the other was bownden to do to the kyng at that tyme duryng the sessyons, butt rather procuryng dycencyon and morder ther too be comytted and don, sayd to the seid Sir Edward thes worddes: "I do deffye the, and nott only I deffye the betwene the and me, butt also I doo deffye the in all this awdyence," and therapon the same Sir Gylles spekyng to hes sone prively, hes seid sone did arisse from the benche, beyng onne of the justyces of the p[er]ace,

and dyd feche hes fatheres servauntes and hes owne, and furthwith brought them into the place wheras the sessyons was, purposly to avenge hes malycyus intent, butt that the same Sir Edward wolde make hym no answeere nor further procede in worddes with the seid Sir Gylles, the tyme and the place of the sessyons to the same Sir Edward considered.” 24.

[c. 1540].—Draught petition of Sir Edward Willoughby to King Henry VIII. setting forth his services in war, and praying that credence may not be given to certain slanderous statements.

“Too the kyng our soverayng Lorde. In moste humble wise shewyth and complayneth unto your Highnes your trew and faithfull servaunt Edward Wyllughby, knyght, that where your said servant at all tymes passed sythens that he was of th’ age of xxj^{ti} yeres untoo this day, by the space of xxix^{ti} yeres, frome tyme to tyme hath done unto your Grace sutche service as haith bene in his power, as well in your Grace’s warres byyonde the see as other ways within this realme, furst in Hey Spayne, the thryd yer of your Grace’s reigne, your said servaunt hymselfe dyd fornische with a hundreth men too doo your Grace service in your warres, under the Lorde Darsye, then arryvyng at Scalys Mallys, and then the next yere folowyng, the fourth yer of your Grace’s raigne, hymself also dyd fornische with another hundreth men, over and besydes CCCC. men furnished by his father Sir Henry Wyllughby, appoynted to doo your Grace service in the warres then arryvyng in another parte of Spayne nere Founterabye,¹ under the ledyng of the Right Honorabyll Lorde Marques Dorsett, your said servant havyng then under his father the gydyng and charge of your Grace’s ordinance; also the same tyme gyffyng attendance too the honorabyll Lorde now Duke of Norfolk in too Naverre. And the thryde yere then next also folowyng, the v. yer of your Grace’s raigne, your said servaunt, a convenyent nomber too hym appoynted, served your Grace lykewise in your warres in the northe cuntre under the ledyng of the honorabyll the olde Lorde Duke of Norfolk, at wiche battell² the kyng of Scotland was then ther kylled, and at the same felde your sayd servaunt doyng his bounden and dew service too your Grace, beyng hurte and wounded, was taken prysoner by the Scottes, and after ransomed hymselfe too his great charge owte of the Scottes handes withowte ayde or redrese of your Grace or of any other. Also another yere sythens that tyme your sayd servaunt dyd your Grace lyke service in your warres in France with another hundreth men under the ledyng of the honorebyll Lorde the Duke of Norfolk that now is, at wiche tyme your said servaunt unworthy therto was made knight by the said Duke in con-

¹ Fuenterrabia (Guipúzcoa).

² The Battle of Flodden, A.D. 1513.

sideracion of his said service done too your Grace. Alsoo at this laste insurreccion in the Northe parties¹ your said servaunt Edward Wyllughby lykewysse dyd your Grace service with another hundreth men furnyshed redy for the warres commyng and conve[*n*]g them owt of Dorsetshire too Dankester, wiche is viij^{xx} myles, ledyng and conveyng theym to his great charge, wiche service and charges considered that notwithstanding your said servaunt haith nother office nor fee of your Grace, doyng your Grace yerly and contenually service in the cuntre where he dothe dwell in all your commissions and commandementes, as he is bounden of dewty too doo. For wiche consideracions your said servaunt humble requireth your Grace too lycence and pardon hym in the rehersyng of his said service bownden and dew, wiche he is compelled too doo for causys folowyng by reason that he cannot cumme to your Grace's speche too make trew defence and answer too the sclanderous and evyll reporte of one Wylliam Auberey, one of your Grace's servauntes, wiche said Wylliam Auberey in sondry places makyth his avaunte that he haith done the errant unto your Grace agaynst your said servaunt Edward Wyllughby, that your Grace by reason of his said erraunt and complaynt schold say unto the said Wylliam Au[b]erey that apon suche suytes as your said servaunt Edward Wyllughby haith or suyth for by the order of your lawes that your Grace's pleasor is that your said servaunt shal not obteyng nor injoye the same his syte although the right of your Grace's lawes be with hym therin, wiche lawes your Grace hetherto never refused at any tyme too any of your servauntes or subyettes: Wherefor your sayd besecher and servaunt Edward Wyllughby humble besythyth your Grace too remember the trew and dew service not onely done too your Grace hytherto by hymself, but also by his father Sir Henry Wyllughby and other the brethren of your said servaunt, wiche said service they and every of theym intend too doo and to contynew duryng theyr naturall lyff as theyr dewtys is; trustyng also that your Grace dothe accepte the doynges and service of every of your Grace's servauntes accordyng too ther deserttes, without gyffyng credence unto the untrew reporte of the said Wylliam Auberey or of any such sklanderous persons. And your said orator and servaunt shall dayly pray too God for the long and prosperous contenance of your riall and nobyll estate long too endure.

Also please it your noble Grace to be further asertened that wer certayn of your Grace's subgettes named Thomas Frost, Wylliam Townshend, and other wer bownden by obligacion in certayn summes to Wylliam Au[b]erey to your Grace's use, the same Wylliam Au[b]erey hath not only extorciously taken money of your said pore subgettes to his owne use in parte of payment of the said obligacion, but also fraudeletly and decevably the same Wylliam Au[b]erey hath com-

¹ The Pilgrimage of Grace, A.D. 1537.

pounded with your said Grace's pore subgettes Thomas Frost and other above-named for a further summa betwyxt hym and them agreed to be payd in severall dayes, and hath promised your said subgettes the redelyvere of ther said obligacion, wyche was on of your Grace's specialtyes taken and made to your Grace's use: wherby apereth the decet and untrouth of the said Wylliam Au[b]jerey done and commytted to your Grace, wych mater your said servaunt is redy to prove.'²

[c. 1540.]—Elizabeth SMETHWICK to Sir John WILLOUGHBY.

"Ryght worschypfull cosyn. I hertely commende me unto yow, beyng glayd to here of yower welfare, thankyng yow ever of yowre grett kyndness. Hyt ys not unknowen unto yow how that I have beyn handellet now of layte, and therefore I muste make my frendys to do sumwhat for me. I have caused my neyfew William Pulteney for to take panys on hym to go to London for me and my syster Dame Elyzabeth Smythwyke for to gett us a lycens to goo owte of the place of Henwod, for we are gretly afraed that yf we tary ther we schalbe poyssynnet or ellys summe other thyng to make us away. Therefore we bo3ythe Dame Elyzabeth and I desyer yow that yow will doo soo muche for us as to delyver to my foreseyde neyfew William Pulteney *vli.* xs. wher yow wer wonte to sende hyt me by Huge Large, and my neyfew schall bryng yow acquytans from us bo3yth from the begynnyng of the worlde unto the day of the makyng of the acquytans. Yf yow do not now helpe us, we ar bo3yth undoynd, for we have nothyng to helpe us withall, as yow know well, for hyt ys not unknowen how we . . . layf

. . . moer to yow, but Jhesu have yow in hys keepyng.

[Yowre . . .] cosyn and beydwoman,
Dam Elesabet Smethewyke [written
badly in a very shaky hand].

[Addressed:] To my ryght worschypfull cosyn Sir John Willybe, knyght, be thys delyvered." 24.

1545, May 10.—Agreement between Sir John Willoughby, of Wollourton, knight, and Henry Willoughby, esquire, cousin and heir apparent of the said Sir John, and Sir Nicholas Strelley, of Bilbrughe, knight, "concerninge the digginge and gettinge of see coolles within the lordship of Bilbrughe." Sir Nicholas is unable to get the coals in the said lordship conveniently "by reason of the superfluous abundance of water" without the help of Sir John, and it is therefore agreed that "of all thoos coollez lyinge withyn certain closurez within the said lordship of Bylbrughe called 'the Holluez,' now in the tenure and ocupacion of Henry Marmyon, gent., from the pale of Wollourton Parke of the southe unto the hedge of the said closurez adjonyng to Bylbrughe feld by northe," Sir John shall have three parts in four and Sir Nicholas shall have the fourth part, the cost of getting the coals to be

borne by the parties in the same proportions. In case Sir John die before the work in Wollaton Park "be thyrled¹ thoroo into the grounds" of Sir Nicholas, it is agreed that if the said Henry disagree and will not suffer the "thyrlynge" of the said work, these articles shall be void. The parties shall cause all such coalpits as shall hereafter be "clene wrought out and gottyn" to be "caste in and stopped." 24.

1548, December 20.—Will of Sir John Willoughby, of Wollaton, knight. Proved at London, before the Commissary of the Canterbury Prerogative Court, January 22, 1548–9. [*North Country Wills*, p. 200, Surtees Society.]

179 (193).

[1549.]—Account of lands, etc., of which Sir John Wylloghby, knt., late of Myddelton, died seized, which descended to Henry Wylloghby, "squier, his cosyn and heire, thatt ys to say, son of Sir Edward Wylloghby, knyght, brother unto the said Sir John Wylloghby." 179.

1549, April 13.—Copy of *inquisitio post mortem* of Sir John Wylloghbye, knight, concerning his lands in Warwickshire. The jurors say that he died 10 January, 1549, and that Henry Willoughby, son of his brother Edward Willoughby, is his nearest heir; which Henry was aged 31 years and more at the time of the death of Sir John. 179 (193).

1549, July 15.—Will of Henry Willoughby, esquire, in English. The will is very lengthy. He ordains that his executors (his brother-in-law, George Medley, esquire, and Gabriel Barwyck, gent., Henry Marmyon, gent., and John Hall, his three trusty servants) shall, within eight years of his decease, "make or cause to be made at Wolaton aforesayd a newe soughe² for getting of cole within the same lordshypp, and to bestow theruppon the some of on thowsande poundes, or more or lesse, as nede shall requere." Supervisors: Henry, Marquis of Dorset, and Sir John Markham, knight, the testator's cousin. 24.

1549, July 15.—Draught on paper of preceding (in handwriting of Sir Francis Willoughby). Endorsed: "Coppie of my father's wyll, with the articles of his owne hand writing." There is also another copy. 179 (193).

1549, November 13.—Copy of *inquisitio post mortem* of Henry Willoughby, esquire, taken at Nottingham concerning his lands in the County of Nottingham. The jurors say that he died on 27 August, 1549, and that Thomas Willoughby is his son and heir, who was of the age of eight years at the time of Henry's death. 179 (193).

¹ 'bored' (O.E. *byrlan* pierce).

² 'drain.'

1550, March 24.—Copy of *Inquisitio post mortem* of Henry Willoughby, esquire, taken at Nottingham, concerning his lands in the county of Nottingham. 179 (193).

Circa 1550.—Plan of the Lordship of Cosington, co. Leicester. 163.

[c. 1550].—Draught of will of Bridgett Willughby, widow. Her body to be buried in her chapel of Chedingston in the same tomb wherein her first husband Sir Thomas Knyght is buried, or near it, “without any maner of pompe or otther cerymonies of old tyme used.” Executors: Her son, Robert Willughby, and her son-in-law, Humphrey Walrond, esquire. She bequeaths the lands in Chedingston, Penshurst, Lye, Hever, Cowden, Sundrysshe, Chevining, and Sevnocke that she inherited from her father Sir Robert Rede to her eldest son Robert Willughby, charging them with an annuity of 20 marks for her son, Christopher Willughby, and with 10*l.* yearly for Thomas Willughby, eldest son of the said Robert. These lands are settled upon the said Robert and his son Thomas in tail male, with remainder over to Henry Willoughby, younger brother of the said Thomas. Endorsed: “My Ladis mynd is that Mr. Carrill or sum otther lerned man do correct this will.” 179 (193).

1553, February 13.—Decree of William Cook, LL.D., Dean of Shoreham, pronouncing a divorce between Robert Willoughby, esquire, of Sondriche, in the Deanery of Shoreham, and Dorothy Willoughby, his wife, on account of her adultery with James Rogers, esquire, which she confessed in Court. 179 (193).

1555, November 1.—Probate of will of Robert Wylloughbye. His body to be buried in the chapel of Chidingstone [co. Kent] “without onye maner of charges as morning blakes or any other maner of pomps.” Proved 16 May, 1556. Two copies. 163 (207).

1558, August 11.—Probate of will of Bridget Willughby, of the parish of Chedyngstone, co. Kent, widow (of Sir Thomas Willughby). Proved August 18, 1558. Two copies. 163 (207).

c. 1560.—Information against the rector of Wollaton for gambling, etc.

“To Mr. Walter Jonez, Commysarye of the Checker at Yorke.

Pleaseth your Mastershippe to understande that one William Underne, late parson of Wollaton, in the Countye of Nottingham, and from the same deposed, is an evill man in his conversacion and lving, as many of his neyghbours will testifye, for within the towne of Nottyngham, wythin the xij. dayes of Christmas w[a]s three yeres laste paste, did the said Under[n]e leese at the dyce and cardes all the money in his purse, and gaiged his horse for five marks, and loste alle

the said money the same tyme, and also a gold rynge of his he loste the same tyme. Also in Lent laste paste, wythe in the said towne of Nottingham, the said Underne cam thether to make provysion for his wyfes chircheinge, but or he wente out of the said towne he loste agayne all his money in his purse and two horses that he and his boye rode upon, and borrowed xvjs. more wythin the said towne, and loste all the same at dyce and cardes; and then comynge home to his parsonage in Wollaton, on Sunday then next foloweinge, before his parishoners wythin the chu[r]che at the servyce there, he dyd petyously lament his wicked lyfe, and said he wolde never do so agayne. But nottwythstandynge, the same day that he was deposed from his said parsonage, he wente streyght waies to Lowdam, and there, contrary to his faythfull promyse wyth his said parishoners, fell to the dyce agayne with one Sanderson of the same towne, who he dayly still occupieth the gamynge with all. And also, aboute Mydsomer laste paste, the said Underne came to one William Weste, of Wollaton aforsaid, aboute the hower of eleven of the clocke at nyght, and desired hym to lende hym his mare and his saddle and bridle, whiche the said Weste dyd lende him, but he never as yet did delyver the same againe, nor make any recompence to hym therefore: wythe many more evill practyses that he hathe donne, and still practyseth the same, to the great anoyauce of many honeste men thereabout, who wysshethe a redres and spedye remedye therein.” 24.

1560, April 30.—Presentments against the vicar of Wollaton.

“*Ultimo Aprilis anno 1560. Wollaton, Dominus Willelmus Underne, Rector ibidem. Hugo Hudson, Thomas Calton, Gardiani.*

Præsentant, that William Underne, pa[rson servid and said in the church his devyn he oughte to have donne as in the Sunday and dyverse other dayes, but hathe gone away at his pleysour, and his parysshe hathe bene unserved. And for the lacke of a preste, William Chamberlayne had two children that died unchristned; and, forther, there hathe bene diverse dead, and their frendes hathe bene constreyned to get other prestes in the cuntrye to burye them, or els they muste have bene unburyed to long, and for christeninge of children in lykewyse.

Item they do present the said William Underne to be a commen gamster at the alehowse, nyght and daye, many tymes this laste wynter; and satt upp all the nyght at the same.

Also he hathe used other evill pastymes at the alehowse, as in canvasinge a yonge mayde of xiiij. or xv. yeares olde

in a blankett and wyndowe clothe¹ at mydnyght, which is unprestly, wyth other lyke usages.

Item they do present that on St. Andrewes day laste the said William Underne dyd breake his faste wyth a puddinge or two or ever he did say his servyce.

Item they do present, that the said William Underne, there parson, had a woman in there churche which he had brought from London; which woman he had at Bingham, and said she was his wyf.

[Item they do present, that the said William Underne brought to Mr. Elton's, of Cossall, a payre of tables, and shewed him that he had browght a pastye of venyson, and kept game there ij. or iij. dayes together at them. More-over the neyghboures there were longe in comminge to the Communion, and he willed them to make more haste, or ells he wolde gett hym to the tables.]

(Other charges of obtaining horses from parishioners and not paying for them as promised follow. Some verses on this subject are included in the bundle). 24.

1572, March 21.—Bundle of bonds to observe the fast of Lent, etc., taken before Thomas Willoughby, J.P., in the county of Kent. 271.

1572.—Papers concerning musters in co. Kent. 177.

1573.—Papers concerning musters in co. Notts. 177.

1573-4.—Acquittance of the Pipe of Thomas Willoughby, esquire. as sheriff of Kent. 271.

1574, June 19, Newark Castle.—E[dward], earl of RUTLAND, Sir G. CLYFTON, and T. STANHOPE to the bailiff of the Hundred of Broxtowe Weapentake.

Order to repair to the houses of the persons named at foot, and warn them to bring before the aforesaid persons at Newark on July 12 next, by 10 o'clock in the forenoon, so many demilances, horses, and geldings for light horsemen with men on their backs and full furniture for man and horse as they are bound to find. Broxtowe Hundreth: Sir Anthony Strelley ij; Mr. Fraunces Willoughby ij; Mr. John Byron ij; Mr. Fraunces Moleneux j; Mr. Frances Brensley j; Mr. Anthony Sawmon j. 177.

[1570-83.]—MARMYON, servant of Elizabeth, countess of Shrewsbury ("Bess of Hardwick"), to Sir Francis WILLOUGHBY concerning quarrels between the countess and her husband, and referring to imprisonment of Mary, Queen of Scots.

"Right worshipfull, my spechall earnest desyre hathe bene a longe tyme that once I might be dissolved and bestow myself

¹ That is, a winnowing cloth.

altogether at Wollaton, which soyle and the soyles master I have alwaies unfaynedly loved. At last, I prayse God, I have my desyre fully satisfied, for cyvill warres will entertaingne Sheffield House and Skottyshe regiment unlesse Marmyon be removed. I am sorie with all my harte to see my Lady in suche daunger and that she takethe my departure in so ill sorte. That howse is a hell, and her Ladyship beinge furnished with few, or rather not one, about her which faythfully love and honor her in deede, the sequeale is in doubt to breede afterclappes, and she suspectes no lesse.

I tould your worship at your being last at Haddon of a broyle or kynd of tragedy betwixt my Lord and Lady of late, wherin, as alwayes in maner hertofore, my Lord hathe made me playe a parte, so I thinke the tragedy would not hould if I be lefte out. I now perceave by her Lady the fallinge out was excedinge and lickly to be perillous, if she take not her seconde counsells and square the accyon by wisdom. His Lordship chargethe her and me to be devysors for the disabling of his sarvice to Her Majestie ; that we are advertysers against him ; and weere the only cawse that abatement was made of his allowance for the Lady of Skottlandes dyat ; that she makes me her right hand as it weere, whome he cannot abide, and knowing that I hate him. Wherupon he made surely a very honorable conclusion that if she would not remove me, he could never be brought to thinke that she loved him, neyther would he ever take her for his wyfe, but he would remove me and shutt her Ladyship up without suffring any sarvauntes about her than of his owne placing, with dyvers other ydle wordes tending muche to noughty purposes. My Lady desyred him to send for me, and charge me himself, but that was as bittar as gall, and no waye but she must dispatche me.

Yet or ever I departe, his Lordship shall well perseyve that I dare bouldly take my leave, and answer the unjust and most vyle accusation, which, I warrant yow, will kinde coales. Notwithstanding, I am sure his Lordship will ende most quyetly with me, and not suffer my departure, but by his leave I will strayne curtesie.

The lease my Lady gave me must goe thoroughe my Lordes handes if I will have a perfecte state, and I may as well seeke to remove the Towar of London as compas eny suche goodnes ; so as it hathe pleased her Ladyship to bestowe of a yearely anuety of *xlii*. a yeare, to be had out of Mr. William Cavendyshes landes, and he to be my paymaster, whereof I lyke well.

Yf I would goe to the Innes of Courte or sarve eyther my Lord Treasurer or my Lord of Leycester, she will otherwayes be benefycyall to me. I answered that I am warned to clyme no more upon the hills, wher the wyndes blowe often roughe, but will bestow myself in some quyet dale. Very earnest she was to know my intencion, which would not be gotten forthe,

but referred all as it would best lyke my father to bestow me. She offers to take what counsell I will chewse for the makinge of my anuety, onely a proviso must be that I must not sell it, and she is well pleased that I bestow myself whersoever I best lyke, and that she is in good faythe with no man in England but onely with Sir Francis Willoughby, and soe shall she knowe before I departe. Yt is good that your worship take heede how yow suffer me to sett one futt within your howshould, for before God yow shall have muche adoe to remove me from yow. I fynd me able to do yow good sarvice : and this I trust you will hould yourself assured that I wilbe to the last day of my lyfe a most faythefull man towards yow and all your cawses. And though I speake it, methinkes Wollaton Howse should not be without a Marmyon.

And now, Sir, my humble sute is not onely for enter-taignement, but having fully assured myself of your goodnes towards me by somme good turne towards the better inabling me to live, I am to beseche your worship to bestow of me a lease in reversion of Harry Aveye's farme and Smawle's tenement in Carleton, which tenement I sould yow upon my arrerages in account unto your worship. Boothe being layde together will make a prety livinge. Ther be vj. vij. or viij. yeares to expyre, and than if it might stand with your pleasure to thinke me worthy thereof, I and all my pore frendes must think ourselves specyally bound to rest with all dutyfull sarvice most faythfully at your worship's devocion.

Yt wilbe iij. weekes before I shall dispatche from hence, which tyme yow shall receyve from my Lady a letter of the manner of my departure, and see moreover the assurance of her honorable dealing with me. And if I might be setled with your worship, and have this lease made me before my goinge to my father-in-lawe, it would be suche a comfort to theim, as he will stand the rather my good father whan he seethe I am setled to live. He is a man not lickly to lyve longe, and my possibility of great part of his living and welthe is very great. I hope before vij. or eight yeares be ended, yow will think my request well bestowed. I beseche your worship lett me heare by this bearer somewhat of your determynacion, whome I send over to father wherby to acqu[a]lynt him how this matter fallethe out, and to make my request unto him for somme money to discharge dettes before my departure.

My Lady promisethe to countenance his cawse against Browne by all the meanes she may. I will know whether she be mynded to procede for Peverell fee.

My Lady goethe not to Sheffield before Saterday next, which I think a long tyme untill I feele my Lordes pulses. I will seeke and doubt not to obtayne his favor and good opinyon. Before God ther is great murmuring bothe here and at Sheffield about my goinge away, and every one thinkes

because they have knowne as great disquyetnes heretofore sundry tymes betwixt us, that this wilbe in lyke maner overblowne. But they wilbe deceaved, for I take my Ladyes offer and her setting me at liberty to sarve wher I please to be a doble benefitt. And in deede, all thinges considered, it may well be thought inconvenyent that she kepe me longer, my Lordes frantick speches fully considred. Yt is the best happ that ever yette hath bene offred me since I came to the state of a man.

I besече your worship's good consideracion of my humble sute, and not to refuse Marmyon, who never willingly departed from yow, but is most joyfull if he may in this sort returne unto yow. I am in hast and therfore trust yow will pardon this rude and tedious letter.

I pray God kepe yow in helthe.

Chattsworthe, the xxiiijth of October.

God send me good luck! My Lord makes men beleve that he will feight with me in his owne parson, but use makes his feight terrible perfecte. I dare gage my lyfe whan it comethe to serching, he will not suffer my departure. But I wilbe found resolute.

My man should have bene with your worship iiiij^r dayes agoe, but I altred my mynd untill we came to Sheffield. Sir, I reckon me one of yours.

Sheffield, the xxviiith of October.

[Addressed:] To the right worshipfull Sir Francis Willoughby, knight." 24.

[c. 1575.]—A foolscap sheet of paper, endorsed (in handwriting of Sir Francis Willoughby): "Janians Epitafe *in obitum patris*" [*i.e.*, Henry Willoughby, slain by the Norfolk rebels in 1549]. It commences with a Hebrew epitaph, followed by these:

On Mossall' Heathe¹ did bitter² deathe

In Kinges warres take awaye

This worthie wight, Esquire by righte,

Whose fame will not decay.

Bothe good and base are in this case

They must retourne to duste,

The worlde is vayne, welthe is but payne,

And all that is man's luste.

Ἐρρίκος² μὲν ὁ Ὀυρικεὺς³ Ὀλιβειος⁴ ἀνακτος
 Ἐν πολεμοῖς ἔθανεν, κήδεα λύγρᾳ πάθων,
 Εἰς τὸ γὰρ εὐπράττειν, βασιλῆϊ τε καὶ πατρίδ' αὐτοῦ,
 Ἀνθρώπος φύεται, χρήσιμα φῶς φέρων.
 Σῆματι σῶμ' αὐτοῦ κείται, δ' ἀνα γῆν μαλὰ θάλλει,
 Δόξα, τιμὴ τ' ἄρετη, ταύτ' ἔπετ' ἀνδρὶ ἐῶ.

1 Mousehold Heath, Norwich, the site of the rebels' camp.

2 "Henry." The gross errors in these Greek lines are reproduced.

3 "Of Warwick(shire)."

4 "Willoughby."

¹The worthie Henrie Willoughbie in Kinges warres saw his death,

Esquire he was of Warwickshire, and died on Mossall Heath.
Man is not borne all to him selfe, to Prince he must do good
And to his cuntree, tho' it be with sheddingge of his bloode.
Tho' that in grave his corpes doth lie, his fame doth florishe
still ;

His vertue, prayse and fortitude shall never come to ill.

²Armiger hic diris stratiotes regius armis

Læsus obit mortem : cui monumenta vides.

Pro patria est perdulce mori, pro rege intimidum.

Læthum igitur lætum, et sors sua læta fuit.

Ossa tegit tumulus, virtus sua sydera scandit.

Laus sua non moritur, sed vivet atque viget. 24.

1577.—Papers concerning musters in co. Warwick. 177.

1577-1594.—Commissions, orders, etc., relating to musters in cos. Kent, Warwick and Nottingham, 1577, 1589, 1591, 1594, including muster-rolls for co. Kent, lengthy instructions for the guidance of officers in warfare, etc., and a book, *circ.* 1600, of the names of men fit for war and of those unfit, with valuation of their goods, in various villages in co. Warwick.

177.

1577, August 20.—Grant from Thomas Gebbons, esquire, “Gardianus villæ regie de Sutton in Colfilde, in Com. Warr., et Societas ejusdem” to Richard Barlowe, of Sutton in Colfilde, in consideration of “two stonyd horses” and one mare delivered to them before the execution of this deed “ac modo pro commoditate et utilitate omnium inhabitantium libertatis de Sutton in Colfilde prædictæ in parco nostro existentium,” of a parcel of land called “Bracebrydge Poole” within “pasturam nostram vocatam ‘le Parke,’” to dig up and dam and to make a pond (*stagnum*) there and to erect “mollendinum scytheaticum” vel fullaticum vulgariter vocatum ‘a blademylle or a fullynge mylle.’” James Nicholles and Richard Houghe, Sergeants at Mace and officers of the Court, are appointed attorneys to put the said Barlowe in seisin of the premises. Dated in “le Mote Hawle” at Sutton in Colfilde. Twenty persons, including the “Gardianus,” witness the delivery of this indenture on November 2. 236.

1580, March 16.—Copy of commissions and instructions for the musters in co. Kent. 177.

1580.—Papers concerning musters in co. Warwick. 177.

¹ This is a free translation of the preceding.

² This epitaph, containing a reference to his monument, proves that these epitaphs were written for Sir Francis Willoughby, the builder of Wollaton Hall, and intended to be engraved upon the monument erected by him to his father in Wollaton Church. The epitaph actually engraved on this monument is given in Thoroton, *Antiquities of Notts*, p. 226.

³ An adjective formed from the English *Scythe*.

1584, July 24.—Sir FRANCIS WILLOUGHBY to THOMAS WILLOUGHBY, his brother-in-law.

“ I have at this present, being the last tyme of asking, sett downe to Mr. Vicechamberlaine my price and daies for Langton Walles in this sort, *videlicet* presently 500*li.*, Alholl-outyde 1000*li.*, Candelmas 500*li.*, at Midsomer terme 1000*li.* Gyving thes daies and lyngering the tyme hath hindered me borrowing the mony uppon interest CC*li.* Yett am I thus contented if he will in this sort proceede, or els to give his absolute answer (as he hath already) of refusall before my cosin Markham and Mr. Fysshier. If it please hym to proceede, yow are to receive 500*li.* to my use, wherof yow must pay CC*xli.* to the goldsmith abowt the xiiijth of August, and the residu for your selfe, due by me to yow ; the old mony shalbe paid yow ere it be longe. Yow must make hym a quit-tance for the receite therof, if it be required. If this mony will not be hadd of hym refusing the bargen, then have I written my letter and sent my band to Mr. Huitt, draper, dwelling in Candelwick Strete, desiring hym to lend me CC*li.*, to answer this turne.

Mr. Huitt hath offered me 5500*li.* for my land in Kent, so that he might have generall warantie ; my answer is that I will not abate one penny of 6000*li.*, and the warrantie to extend no farther then against me and my heires. I thinke he wyll come to my price, and I may enlarge the warrantie against the heires of my father and my grandfather, which, I suppose, wyll content hym. Uppon Mr. Vizchamberlain's refusall, try this sale with expedicion. Ther is one Mr. Wilford abowt Rie (as I take itt) that hath byn heretofore very earnest for my land in Kent. Geve hym knoledge hereof, and take the best chapman, ether for this or Essex.

I have byn in some talke for the mariage of my daughters, and like enough to conclude for the one, if lyking shall grow betwixt the parties, without the which I wyll never presse them.

For thes other reportes of gyving over my howse, etc., and for receiving my wife being now reconciled, for this last part ther is no such determinacion that I am pryve of as yett. What other know of my determinacion more then my selfe, I leave to yow to judge, nether hath ther byn any motion more then by the same gentleman I told yow of at your last being with me ; and for the other in truth my charge groweth so greate by this meanes that I must be dryven to do itt, and to discharg some of my unnessary (*sic*) servandes, yett meane that Persyvall at the Chawntrey (a howse bigg enough for hym his purpose) shall make tryall of such proporcion as I can be content to allow hym and the children, while I go abroade to make sale of some lande if thes bargens do not take place.

Thus in hast I do committ yow to the Almightye.

Wullaton, xxiiijth of July, 1584.

Yowr brother-in-law to use,

Fra. Wyllughby.

[*Addressed* :] To his loving brother-in-law, Thomas Wyl-
lughby, esquier, geve thes.” 24.

1585.—Letters concerning musters in co. Kent. 177.

1587.—Papers concerning musters in co. Nottingham. 177.

1587-8.—Letters concerning musters in co. Kent. 177.

1588, Aug. 2.—Names of two hundred men of the Hundred
of Sutton at Hone, co. Kent. 177.

1588, August 31.—John ADAMS to Percival WILLOUGHBY,
esquire, his brother-in-law.

“ Brother Percivall. My wyfe and I geive yow great thankes that vow vouchsauve us that favor, as to be a meanes and wittnesse of that outward regeneration, whereby inward grace is signified to that wiche God will blesse us withall, male or female. Wherefore we wilbe glad to make requitt-all of this curtesy as of manny other in what we shalbe in any wyse able. But we ar sory that herein yow turne our request not only to your truble, but also to your charge.

My wyfe goes about Cricle Cricle, very great. She is underlayd not with a Frenche fardingale, wiche strottethe out by the sydes, but with an English bumbaste, wiche beareth out before, and she lookethe every day for a hue and cry, and there is a poste and an asse ready to make pursuite.

I am sory Sir Frauncis is made shiryf this yeare. Let his under-shiryfe take heed for his yeare to come. All the judges of the Comon Plees have taken order to oversee all the offences of undershirifes to be duely and severely punished and also hath appointed on to followe the informations againste them. Lett him therefore beware.

But I am more sory that Mr. Catcher the Friday next after this terme was fined for the whipping of Mrs. Newnam and Mrs. Nevill in Bridewell to the queene CCCCC*li*. and CC*li*. to the ij. gentelweomen, on hundred *li*. apeece, and his fellow Skinner to on thowsand markes to the queene and CCCC*li*, to the two gentelweoman, so that of a sodaine the too gent[elweomen] ar becom good mariages. They have besydes as parte of theyre judgment iij. monthes imprisonment, and to aske the gent[elweomen's] forgivenessse at theyre house, at the Counter and at Bridewell. Theyre offence was for whipping of gent[elweomen], wiche by theyre commission they cannot doe, for theyre letters pattentes weare examined and they had not power to doe it. It was malliciously prosecuted by Skinner, and Mr. Catcher simply thruste into it, wiche made Skinner's fyne the greater. But the cyrcumstances did aggravat the offence, first the punishment without any fault, in specially (*sic*) the hasty proceeding, the whipping

of weomen, maryed gent[elweomen] withe child, crying on there knees for mercy, wipte by a man in the sight of men, and rejoyseing, whereby proceeded untymely chyld birthe (and the chyld, as they sayd, borne alive died), and this chanced within x. weekes after. But we hoape that Mr. Catcher's fine shalbe moderated and mittigated. The man is sory, and his wife sadd, and had bene very sicke, but now a littell amendyd. We have used the best comforte to them bothe we could, and I hope he shall come out erst it be long.

Yowr sister Rosse was at London to have gone to the countesse of Warwicke, and she must stay till after Christmas, and so she is now at home at Boare Place.

We ar all here very well, and yowr father's wyfe usethe us all very kindly and farr better then ever. I would I weare with yow this Crismas, but I am tyed by the legg, as once I remember yow wrote you weare tyed to a broken maste.

My Lady Willughby was dead and in a mortale sound¹ by the space of j. hower full, and could not be revived. There ware none in here chamber but here mayde, and a jentelman's man wiche lay over here, hereing the mayde to cry out, came downe and helped to rubb and recover the good lady, and soe in the end thereof recovered here. But now I heare she is well. But aske Nedd, I pray yow, of a circumstance that hapned then.

And thus with our harty commendations to yow and to my sister yowr wyfe, and to my good partener and cosen Win, God send here and that quickly! And thus I leave yow to God, who blesse yow and my sister, I besече him, with a pretty boy and that quickley.

Boare Place, 31 Au. (?), 1588.

Yowr loveing brother-in-law,

John Adams.

[*Addressed :*] To the right worshipfull and my very loveing brother-in-law Percivall Willughby, esquier, at New hawle give theis.' 24.

1588-9.—Acquittance of the Pipe of Francis Willoughby, knt., as sheriff of Nottingham. 271.

1589.—Letters concerning musters in co. Kent. 24; 177.

1590.—Letters concerning musters in co. Kent. 177.

1590.—The like in co. Notts. 177.

1590-1.—Acquittance of the Pipe of Thomas Willoughby, esquire, as sheriff of Kent. 271.

1591, April.—Account of Sir John Leveson for money received in the Lathe of Sutton-at-Hone towards the furnishing of 36 men.—A note of money laid out by the constable and Portreeve of Gravesend for certain soldiers. 177.

¹ 'swoon.'

1591, July 29.—List of “ Armour lent to be delyvered agayne.”—List of “ mony receved of soldiers and sutche as do fynd armor for the muster Mr., his intertaynment and waxis.” 177.

1591, November 12, London.—Lord COBHAM to Sir JOHN LEVESON, knight, one of his Deputy-Lieutenants.

He has received a letter from the queen requiring him to cause 100 men for pioneers to be speedily levied in Kent, and to cause them to be impressed with such sums of money as are usually due for such a service, and to cause them to have frieze coats, the charges whereof shall be answered by order from the Lord Treasurer, according to the rate of 4s. for every coat, and that the pioneers should be ready to be brought to Dover within an hour's warning, and there delivered on shipboard. These are to pray Sir John to cause 40 of this number to be levied out of the two Lathes in his charge, and that they be brought to Dover by the constables of the hundreds and places where they shall be taken by the 19th inst. For more expedition, he has thought meet to have their coats bought and provided in London and sent down to Dover. As the charges of every coat will come to 2s. more than is allowed by the queen, besides their carriage to Dover, Sir John is to cause the overplus to be taxed and levied in the county in some reasonable rate, and to take order that the same may be paid to such as he shall appoint to receive it at the time of the delivery of the coats. 177.

1591, November 12, London.—Sir JOHN LEVESON to the High Sheriff and Justices of Kent.

Enclosing copy of Lord Lieutenant's letter signifying the queen's pleasure for the levying of 100 pioneers in Kent, and praying that twenty of them be levied within the Lathe of Sutton-at-Hone, to be sent to Dover according to his Lordship's directions. He has taken order that there shall be one at Dover to deliver their coats to such persons as they shall send with the pioneers. 177.

1592, October 20.—Commission to the Earl of Shrewsbury, the High Sheriff of Nottingham, Sir Thomas Stanhope, Sir Francis Willughby, Sir John Byron, knights, Thomas Markham and Peter Roose, esquires, to administer the oath of supremacy within the County of Nottingham. 271.

1592.—Papers relating to musters in co. Kent. 24; 177.

1593.—Papers relating to musters in co. Kent. 24; 177.

1593-4.—Acquittance of the Pipe of Francis Willoughby, knight, as sheriff of Nottingham. 271.

1594.—Papers relating to musters in co. Kent. 177.

1594, May 8.—ELIZABETH, Countess of SHREWSBURY (“Bess of Hardwick”) to Sir FRANCIS WILLOUGHBY.

“Good cosin, in respect of the good will I beare you, I made offer to my cosin Henry Willughby for the disbursment of three or foure thousand poundes, in such sort as he hath signified to you. And thoughte of late I have had very good offers made me of land to be sold, yet, in respect of my former promis, I have not gyven eare therto. The land you offer in morgage, uppon further lookinge into the matter, I fynd to be threescore pound rackt rent and threescore poundes of old rent, and of the old rent some in lease for lyves, and your manor of Willoughby, the principall thinge, besydes that some part of it is in lease for lyfe, the whole is in joynture to My Lady Willoughby. So that for so great a somme I think it not a convenient porcion. I know where for less then half this money you assured far more land, yet have I told my cosin this bearer that there shalbe three thousand pound presently disbursed uppon this land, and yf you be to use any more, uppon further assurance there shalbe more redy for you. I hope you doe assure yourself that I look not for any thinge but for the security of them that are to disburse this money. Your land I do not desyre. Yf I could be assured of your lyff, there should not nede any morgage at all to be made, but the yongest and health-fullest are subject to chaunge. My cosin Henry Willoughby will shoe you my mynd at more length.

And so praying God to send you longe lyffe and happy health, I ceass.

From Chatsworth, this viijth of Maie, 1594.

Your lovinge cosin and assured frend,

E. Shrouesbury.

[*Addressed* :] To the right worshipfull my very good cosin and frend Sir Frances Willoughby, knight, at Wollaton.” 24.

1595.—Papers relating to musters in co. Kent. 177.

[c. 1595.] November 15.—RICHARD HILL to Sir FRANCIS WILLOUGHBY.

“My duty humbly remenbred (*sic*) to your Worshipe. This is to certefie your Worship that I have caused the upper pittes in the parke to be filled, acordinge to your Worshipes comandment. Also this is to certefie your Worship that we may sett up a water-pitt at the Chrowood end, which will draw the water wich liethe aboute the colle, the which water is twyse as bigge as that wich liethe in the cole, and that water must be drawne to the soughe¹ in Dofcote Close. And the water that must drive the weell must run above the ground, because if the water whiche torns the weell should falle into the sough, the sough weare not able to receve it

¹ A drain. See page 88, note 7, above.

becaus of the narownes therof. This wilbe doone with resonable charges, and the other will be unresonable, for that it is in lengthe viij. acrey [*sic*] and x. skore yardes at xj. skore yardes the ackre¹; werof your Worship myght withe les charge make a new soughe then inlarge the ould.

Thus I commit your Woorship to Allmightie God.

From Woollaton, the xvth day of Novembre.

Your poore servant to command,

Richard Hill.

[*Addressed* :] To the right worshiple (*sic*) and my good master, Syr Frauncis Willoughbe, knyght, deliver this." 24.

1596.—Papers relating to musters in co. Kent. 177.

1596, April 10, Dartford, "in haist at one of the clocke." Sir Thomas WALSHINGHAM to Samson Lennard, Thomas Willoughby, and Thomas Potter, esquires.

Having this day at 12 o'clock at noon received letters from the Lord-Lieutenant of this county for the present discharging of such men as now are in readiness for Her Majesty's service, these are to require them to discharge all such men within their division to depart home with their arms and furnitures until such time as further order be given for a new supply.

Endorsed "For Her Majestie's affaiers"; "Haist, haist, haist for lyffe, for lyfe haist!" 177.

1596, May 22.—Richard HILL to Sir Francis WILLOUGHBY.

"Ryght worshiple, my dewty ryght humblie remembered. I have greate cause to repent me of the late bonds, wherinto I entred for my abideing out of servis with any mann; for surelie yf the same weare to doo, I would nott abide and remene heare untyll Michellmas for halfe the valure of the bonde, seeing and heareing styll daylie the workeing and evell pretents of myne adversaries, purposeing my utter overthrow, which is a discomfort to my wife and children and discoriageing of my friends. Yf your worship and the good ladies geve styll credit to their made tales, I shalbe full bought and sould amongst them before the day of heareing come. They nowe, feareing that I shall have my matters hard² with indifferenci, knowing that their discredit will ryse therby and all their laboure then in wast, have devised suche villenie to laye against me as, yf ytt should be true, I weare nott worthie to leve upon th'earthe. Wherefore I humbly beseeche your worshipp geve no credit to their sayings or wrytings at the fyrst seight; butt after good and just prosses thereof made, yf I be fownd guilltie, for mercie I will never crave nor hope, butt wilbe contentted to abyde

¹ The acre as a measure of length. See *New English Dictionary*.

² 'heard.'

any torment, be ytt never so tyrrible, knoweing that causelesse cruelltie will never scape without revenge, which by them is to be feared; for yf, please God, I may come to my purgacion, these theire cruelties I doubt nott will bewraye theire one dealeing. Untyll then I will rest with patience to beare these heavie injuries.

The baylyffe att my coming home demaunded my connesence and my sonn's by a warant which he saithe he hathe from your worship, and hath allso dryven and impounded my catle forthe of Dobsnolle and Redfeeld, which I hope as yett be no parte of your mynde; and allso saithe the warrant which I have from your worship is a countterfait and is nott your hand. Wherefore I humbly beseече your worshipp that you will certefie him, and that I maye have those two closes untyll my cawses be hard,¹ at which tyme I hope you shall nott repent you of any kyndeness you showe me.

The new limpe² at Cossall is geven over for what cause I knowe nott. The cole is good and reasonable thicke, and the water nott unreasonable. I am unwilling to medle in anything untill I have cleared myselfe, butt yf yett please you to comaund my sonn in your letre to sett ytt forward, God willing, ytt shalbe plyed to your lykeing.

Thus verry humbly I take my leave, comitting you to the tuition of th' Allmyghty.

Woollarton, this xxijth of May, 1596.

Your servaunt whilest lyfe,

Ric. Hyll.

Postscript. The beiliffe and Callver have charged the workmen for coming to my house for any drincke, as they saye by your worship's comandment, which yf [ytt] be so, I am much sorie that you should take suche maner of greeffe against me.

[*Addressed* :] To the right worshiple and his verry good master Sir Francis Willughbey, knyght, att the queenes couthmaker's in Smythfeeld, geve these." 24.

[c. 1596.]—"A note of the unjuste dealinges of Richard Hill with Sir Frauncis Willughbie, his maister, and his workemen, known to and to be justified by Allexandre Shawe, George Wagge, Robert Shawe, Thomas Bunney, John Cottam, Richard Fowler, or some one of them, with others.

Inprimis, George Wagge and Allexandre Shawe are to depose that the said Richard Hill did threaten to banishe the said Allexandre the towne and feilde for declaringe the truthe to Sir Frauncis in saying that Richard Hill had deceyved his maister of xvij. lodes of coles in the Hollows, which the Ladie Stannoppe had to Nottingham by the space of

¹ 'heard.'

² Not in the *New English Dictionary*.

x. yeres since, and unjustlie by daies men¹ caste him in the damage of xx^{tie} nobles.

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Item the said Allexandre and Thomas Bunneye are to depose that the said Richard Hill deceyved the lord of xviiij. rookes of coles at Shawe pitt in Bretland, which he caried moste of them to Nottingham, and parte to his owne howse.

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Item the said Robert Shawe delivered xxxj. roo[kes] *dim.* of coles to John Foxe of Nottingham, the saltpeter-man, which money he falselie deceyved Sir Frauncis of, and had it to his owne use, which he paid in parte of his fine of his howse at Bilborowe at Nottingham, which Thomas Buneie is to manifeste.

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Item Robert Shawe is to depose that Richard Hill com-
maunded him to keepe the gifter-money² of their cariages
whatsoever it was, more or lesse, and bringe it to him, and
then hee did geve them againe what he thoughte good of
it, wherby hee had the moste parte of that the pore men
wrought for.

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Item Robert Shawe and Thomas Stillington, with others,
are to depose that Richard Hill suffred the workemen to goe
so nighe the Hollowes in Bretland that they stroke throughe
and lett in the water and overthrewe the worke to great
hindrance of the lorde and his workemen.

Item John Cottom is to saie that he caste a gobbinge³ betwixte
worke and worke, soe that noe moe but that pitt meane
should be acquainted with the overthrowing of the worke.

Item the said Richard Hill caused a paine to be sett in the
courte that one man should not come into another's workes,
which was to conceale his ignorance.

Item the pore workemen, havinge wroughte all the winter
and gotten a great stacke of coles, then Hill would sett up
the pitt to the lord's great hindrance, and had the sale at
his appoyntment to himself or some one for him.

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Item at the Hollie pitt in the Highe Feild Hill, havinge the
rule of it, caused a thurle⁴ to be driven to a pitt in the
Hollows of xl. elne, where hee led them up and downe till
there were above j. hundreth elne driven, and in the meane
whyle gott coles at the benke to the value of xl. or xxx. rookes
a weeke, and not passing viij. or x. rookes were entered in
the name of hed coles, at which thurle beinge so long in
dryvinge Mr. Blythe, keepinge the booke, found faulte, and
demaunded when the pitt should be put in the Chantre, and
then when the pitt were more than half donne, then he put

¹ Arbitrators. See *New English Dictionary*, s.v. 'Daysman.'

² A compound of 'giftur,' gift, and 'money.' Not in *New English Dictionary*.

³ See *New English Dictionary*, s.v. 'gob, sb. 4.'

⁴ Shaft or tunnel.

it in, which action to make answer for those that knewe it once justified it to Sir Frauncis before Hill in the presence of Mr. Kindersley and others.' 24.

1597, November 5.—“¹A note of the sighte in Nottingham by one possessed, the vth of November, 1597, according to our remembraunces.

1. Firste he shewed to our sighte the sinne of mockinge and mowinge and flowtinge, with countenaunces thereto belonginge.

2. Was shewed the decepte of taylers in their manners.

3. Was shewed the manners of the anticke dauncers, with clappinge of handes and other anticke accordinge to their fassions.

4. Was shewed upon his foreheade with his handes the forme of a payre of hornes.

5. Was shewed the vice of quarreling and brawlinge with fightinge and swearing, manner of their fighte with sworde and dagger and rapier and dagger.

6. Was shewed the vayne pastimes of unlawfull games of dicing and cardinge.

7. Was shewed dawncinge with all the toyes therto belonginge.

8. Was shewed the sinnfull and horrible acte of theeving and robbinge by the highe wayes, with cruell murthers enswinge sutch deedes, and the cuninge convayinge awaye of himselfe for beinge espyed, with pullinge one his boottes and spurres, and makinge as though hee gotte upon his horse to escape or ryde awaye.

9. Was shewed the craft of shewmakers, with the manner of sowinge and beatinge² of their shwes.

10. Was shewed the abuse of violes and other instrumentes.

11. Was shewed the filthye and horrible sinnes of whordome, both of the woman and the man.

12. Was shewd the deadlye sinnes of pride, shewinge their sterched ruffes and rebaters, with the manner of clappinge them and settinge them, with the settinge stycke of there farthingales and hewgnes of their frised heare, the lengthe of their buskes, shewinge with their handes the lengthe of them from the breste to the loweste parte, the openinge of there breste, and beholding them selves in the glasse, and yf anythinge weare amisse, then as yt weare to amende yt; their neclases, chaynes, ringes, shewinge the manner of them by actions beyfyttinge sutch shewes, with the bringinge up of ruffes and cufes.

¹ These memoranda are connected with the imposture played by William Sommers upon John Darrel, the exorcist, which excited great interest at the time and led to legal proceedings and a war of pamphlets. See *Dict. of Nat. Biography*, xiv, p. 67, and John Blackner, *History of Nottingham*, 1815, p. 364 (abridging Dr Hutchinson's *Historical Essay concerning Witchcraft*, Bury St. Edmunds, 1718).

² That is 'mending,' from O.E. *bétan*.

13. Was shewed the abuse of longe heare lyinge upon their shoulders, and the pryde and glorie they tooke in wearinge of yt, the abuse of barbars, with their trickes in clappinge and showinge and tryminge up of the heare of the upper lippe, and twyrlinge the lyttle pycke under the lippe, and strokinge the longe and broade bearde, with castinge of sweete water, and the delighte he tooke in smellinge at yt with drawing up his brethe at his nose, and the annointing of the eyebrees with the sweete balle, and the lookeinge in the glasse to amende the loose and straglinge hears with pickinge of the hears oute of the nose, and dressinge the eares, with other.

14. Was shewed the sluggeshnes when we come to the churche, howe faynedly we take the booke to looke upon yt, and straightwaye faule asleep, with snoringe and snurtinge, and then agen makinge as though we wolde geve attentyve heede, yeet straightwaye faules asleepe agen, with shewes of snortinge and snoringe so lowde as yt was harde of the beholders.

15. Seeminge to awake oute of sleepe, he said "God be thanked!" in a scoffinge sorte, "Lorde, increase my faith!" Then sayd the minister, Mr. Darrell, "Looke upon me cherefullye, William." And when he begane to looke upon the minister, replied: "I feare yt be not William that speaketh." Then the possessed fell owte into a greate lawghter that hee hade thoughte he had deceaved the minister.

16. Was shewed the deadlye sinne of drunckennes, with their quaffinge and caroosinge, the fruites that came thereof, as brawlinge, fightinge, and kyllinge, and their contynuinge in their drunckennes tylle they vomyted and staggerd and spued, and in the ende fallinge downe to shewe that they muste needes sleepe after that beastlie acte.

17. Was shewed the sinne of gluttonye, sett downe by his eatinge so mutche that he fell of spuinge and vomytng after yt.

18. Was shewed also, as the comon sorte judge by his writinge, the horrible and spitefull lybeles that have byn cast abroad in this towne of Nottingham.

19. Was shewed the pride in corkeshewes, showinge first his foote the fynesse of yt, and measuringe by his handes howe hie the corcke of the heele comonly ys used, and lyke wise the use of wearinge of the hose ungarthered and the bottes in wrinkles.

20. Was shewed the slighty in pickinge of purses, with puttinge the one hand into the other so sleely as though he woulde not be espyed, and when he had picked the money oute of the purse, then dyd he put yt secretlye into his mouth, and when he should be pursued, then wolde he shewe his pocket as yf he should saye "Serche mee my dublet and all partes aboute mee," and shewe yt more lyvely then any cutpurse or pyke-purse in the wourlde coulde shewe yt,

with fayned lookes as thoughe he would crye and lament for greefe that he shoulde be chardged wrongfullye, heavinge up his handes to heaven in wyttnes that he had no money aboute him, but when they were gone rejoyced as yf he were glade that he had so escaped.

21. Was shewed the arte of the pursse-cutters, howe nimbye he coulde dooe the deede and with what agilitie, but in the ende he shewed he broughte them all to the gallowes.

22. Was shewed burglarye as breakeing of howses, wyn-dowes, wals, and other places to gett in to steale and then to hide what he hade stolne, and in the ende to hyde himselfe as beinge afreyayde to be cawghte.

23. Was shewed the sinne of covetousnes by scraping togeather with his handes and hydeinge the same in the earthe, but afterwardes beinge provoked, he made as thoughe he fetchte yt from the earthe, and put yt into his pocket, and afterwardes wente roundlye to the dyce, and in the ende lost all that he tooke, and afterwardes returninge to his whorde [=hoard] agen, tooke as before for the maintenaunce of his playe, but throughe harde fortune loste all, and then fell into greate sorrowe, as yt weare cursinge and baninge himselfe for the losse of his money.

24. He shewed the drawinge of the bowe; and righte stroke of the drum.

The possessed beinge deafe, dum, and blinde all the whill hee played theis tryckes." 24.

1598, March 31.—“ Sutton Coldefild.—A Hall holden the laste daye of Marche, *anno regni reginæ Elisabethæ x^{lmo}*.

- * Symon Veysey, gent., Warden.
- * George Pudsey, arm.
- * Thomas Gybons, arm.
- * Raphaell Massey, gent.
- * Raphaell Symondes, gent.
- * Raphaell Sedgwycke, gent.
- * Wylliam Gybbons, gent.
- Wylliam Hauxford, gent.
- * George Heathe, gent.
- * Jhon Blackeham, gent.
- * Richard Barlowe.
- * Jhon Turnor.
- Jhon Hall, absent.
- Wylliam Sheppard.
- * Henry Sherratt.
- * Thomas Yardley.
- * Kenelme Yardley.
- Thomas Brookes, absent.
- Henry Turnor, absent.
- * Jhon Heathe, gent.
- * Rychard Sharpe.
- * Thomas Taylor.
- Robarte Fylde.

* Henry Sedgwycke.
Raffe Cowper.

All these that¹ are pricked, beyng xvij. in noumbre, have consentid that yf Mr. Per[cival] Wyllughbye, esquier. can procure the good wyll of the most parte of the free holders, that then hit shalbe leafull for hym to make too, three, fore, or fyve pole heades (so that he make not the water to reatche to Tomworthe waye) in Swarsdale, paynge for every heade vjs. viij*d*." 236.

1598, August 7.—List of members of the household [at Wollaton].

"A Checkrolle of the number of persones in houshold the 7 of Auguste, 1598.

My M[aste]r.
My M[est]res.
Mrs. Theadoce.
Mr. Thomas.

Mr. Edward Willughby.
Mrs. Willughby.
Mrs. Elezebeth Willughby
Mr. Harry Willughby.

Mrs. Margry Shelton.
Mrs. Willughbe's mayde.

Mr. Doctar.

Mr. Rugley.
Mr. Bettnam.
Mr. Farren.
Mr. Broune.
Artor.
Gorge Tewecke.
Edward Beaman.

Wattares :

Edward Meadcalfe.
John Jackson.
William Turnor.
John Robarts.
John Smaly.
Richard Goldsmyth.
Antony.
Old Bassett.

In the Buttre :

Lancaster Gebones.

¹ *thar*, MS.

In the Ketchen :
 Robert Redhyll.
 Richard Vohone.
 Symon Setter, the Slaughter man.
 The Ketchen boye.

In the Brewhouse :
 Bellper.
 Frances Becke.

In the Stable :
 Olever Perckenes.
 Edward Edney.

Edward Hancockes, the gardener
 Nichlas Boldon, the myller.
 Richard the Fawckner.
 Deffe Thom.
 Homfrey Right.
 Thomas Hyll [cancelled].

In the Dayre House, iij. maydes.

Mr. Ed. Willughby his man.
 Mr. Doctare his boye.
 Total number is 46 persones." 236

1598 [wrongly written 1698].—Statement of the charge receipt, and delivery of coals at Wollaton week by week from October [1597] to October [1598]. "The wholl gettes this yere 13264 rookes¹, 1 quarter. The wholl sale and deliverie to all persons, railes, and bridges : 13271 rookes, 2 quarters. Particular receiptes of money from Gainsborow, Newarke, and the Bridges this yere : from Gainsborow 1*l.* 3*s.* ; from Newark, 135*l.* 19*s.* ; from the Bridges, 38*l.* 13*s.* 3*d.* The totall charge is 2,977*l.* 6*s.* 1*d.* The totall receipt is 2,696*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.* . . ."

Circa 1600.—A map of Gibsmere, Bleasby, and Gorton, co. Nottingham, on paper. 169.

[c. 1600.]—Rules to be observed by miners in the coalpits.
 "The stervers' (*sic*) charges.

This is our master's comandment that all you stovers of the feild shalle make your just acount unto your undermen everye nowne and every nyght what you have gett and sould. For every tyme that you do mys, you must losse iijs. iiij*d.*

And for every bourdenne of colles that you do sowfer to be borne from the feild, you must losse xij*d.*

¹ A definition of a 'rooke' is given at p. 175, below. Cf. also the report on the *MSS. of the Duke of Rutland*, iv., p. 484.

And for every bordenne of wood the like xiij.

And that you shale make just messeures betwene the lord and the countre, to make to every halfe rooke¹ ix. cor-fulle,² and to every three quarters xiiij. cor-fulle, and to every whole rooke xviiij. cor-full of just and good messeure without fraud, deseate or guile, as you will answeare at your perille.

And if aney one be takene with aney of the pit candels bearinge whome to his house, iij s. iiij d.

And if ane one be takene withe ane of the pit towles [=tools] in his howse, to losse iij s. iiij d.

And if aney one be taken cuttinge of aney of the pit rowpes or withe aney in his howse. to lowse vj s. viij d.

And if aney one be taken knotinge³ in of ane worke, it is fellonie; the must b[e] used at the lordes plesure.

And for every of these defaultes whosoever he is, it must be taken up of his wages the next Seterday after.

More, if aney mann do take ane of the lordes money without the comand of him or his offe[ce]res, to losse xs. and so to departte the towne and the feyld." 24.

1600, May 14, Mansfield.—MONTAGU WOOD "to the worshipfull my approved good sister-in-lawe, Mrs. ABIGALL WILLUGHBY at Sutton Cofilde," complaining of the evil behaviour of her sister Frances, "who hathe acquainted herselfe with a couple of gentlemen, both strangers to her before now and to me, bothe unmarried men and of notorious fame, and hathe yelded soe mutche to her pleasures as she hathe not refused to goo to taverns to sitt with them."

1600, July 11, Mansfield.—Same to same, on the same subject.

1604, February 22.—Contemporary copy of petition to the king from Capt. William Wasshebourne, "late one of your Majesties pentioners of Barwicke," being the farmer of a fair to the held yearly on November 11 at Lenton, co. Nottingham, at a yearly rent of 26*li*. 13*s*. 4*d*. due to the exchequer, praying that, whereas the king by letters from the Council ordered that the said fair should not be held "for the avoydinge suche daunger of infection as might ensue by the concourse of Londoners and other subjectes to the said faier," which order was executed by the petitioner. "readie to prostrate at your Majesties feete bothe lyfe and livinge," nevertheless he, long before he had received such order, had repaired thither, being 220 miles from his habitation, and had made ready his booths and other necessaries, at the cost of [blank], besides the loss of the profit of the fair, which was his principal means and stay of living, and has paid into the exchequer the said rent, for which he has

¹ See page 169, note 1, above.

² The contents of a 'corf' or mining basket. See *New English Dictionary*, s.v. 'Corf,' 2.

³ 'Knocking,' beating down?

received no benefit; he therefore prays that the king will, in recompense for his loss, grant him another fair to be held there yearly upon the Monday in Whitsun Week, at a yearly rent of [*blank*].

The king directs the Attorney-General to cause a writ of *ad quod damnum* to be granted, and if it be found that the proposed fair is beneficial to the country, he is to draw up a book accordingly for the king's signature. 38.

[c. 1605.]—"Proposals for carrying coal [from Nottingham] to London by sea *via* Hull and for supplying the king therewith.

"In pryemes, to delliver all the coalles beneath the bridge out of the shipp into the lighteaes, and theare to be discharged of them.

Item, I desyear to be freed of collemettinge¹ or any otheare charge to be imposed upon the fewelle, or the shipp that bringes the same.

Item, that the customars at Holle nor hear [at] London shall not have anything to doe for any cocate² for the coalles.

Item, that I may be sartaine whear I may fynd a mane to receive the coalles when they doe come, that the shipp be not forced to stay at theare charge, and to take the wayghte of the said colles.

Item, that theare might be ordeare takene that we may have presente paymente out of the custome house for all the coalles that we shall delliveare unto His Majesties offecer appointed for the receapte of them soe sowne as they be delivered.

Item, that it may please His Majestie to geave ordeare that noe mane whatsoever shall make any warre³, bredges or any otheare ingeine uppon the river of Trente betwene Notingame Bredges and Marname⁴ ferry that may disturbe mee in bringinge downe of the said coalles.

Alsoe, yf any sand-bead or gravell shall happen to grow in the sayd river of Trente in any parte betwene Notingame Bredges and Marname ferry, that uppon complainte maid unto the lord of that ground whear any such sand-bead or gravell shall heppen (*sic*) to growe that it myght be presently amended that the boates may have four foote watter to passe, to the end that the cominge downe of the coalles bee not theareby hindered, ortherwayes (*sic*) the river may be stoped that we shall have noe meanes for wante of watter be (*sic*) able to bringe downe the coalles to searve His Majestie.

Alsoe, yf it shall happene, and the kinges Majestie searvysses shall soe requier, that yt may be lawfull for Hugh Lentone to take any otheare boates to bring the coalles,

1 A charge for measuring coal

2 Cocket, or warrant.

3 'weir.'

4 Marnham, co. Notts.

payinge them as formarly hath bine accustomed from Notingame Bridge unto Gaynsseborowe.

The prysses of all the coalles from Notingame to Londone, with all charges as followeth :

The first price at Notingame Bredge is vjs., besydes I keepe two sarvantes, which hath 30 <i>li</i> . a yeare, to receive the coalles and dellivear them, besydes the rente of my wharffe and warrehouse 20 <i>li</i> . a yeare theare	vjs. iiij <i>d</i> .
For the carredge of everie tonne from Notingame Bredge to Gaynseborow	iijs.
The charges uppone everie tone at Gaynseborowe is 6 <i>d</i> ., which is for . . . roome and ware-house and sarvantes wages theare	vjd.
From Gaynseborowe they are carried in keeles ¹ to Hull, which cost 2 <i>s</i> . uppone everie tone for shippinge of them, 4 <i>d</i> . which they wast in everie place	ijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
From Hull to Londone the ordinary rate uppone everie tonne is viijs., and soe hath usually bine	viijs.
. . . . Some all: xx <i>s</i> . ij <i>d</i> ."	24.

1609, June 15.—Articles of agreement between Sir Percival Willoughby, knight, and Robert Fosbrooke, of Trent Bridges, within the county of the town of Nottingham, yeoman, "his poore servant." Sir Percival covenants to set, stack, or "rooke" yearly, during the ensuing seven years, "at Wollerton lane end at the new rayles end" 3,000 "rookes" of new drawn and for the most part hard coals, well and sufficiently stacked or "rooked," by the measure now used at the Strelley pits, and of Strelley or Wollerton coals, to be stacked to the number of seventy "rookes" weekly, so that the carriage of Fosbrooke shall have weekly such number there in readiness to fetch and carry away thence to the Trent Bridges.² Sir Percival is to erect by Christmas next two "baves of building" for one to dwell in, and to appoint one to see to the safe-keeping of the coals at the rail end. Sir Percival is to assign sufficient house-room, barns, and stable room to Fosbrooke for laying in of his hay and dry keeping of his cattle kept for the carriage of the coals, in a suitable place within the lordship of Wollerton. Sir Percival agrees to let to Fosbrooke the land in Wollerton now in the occupation of Samuel Bishop for the term aforesaid. Sir Percival also agrees to let to Fosbrooke for the said term "all those the barges, boates, or keeles" now or late in the possession or use of Sir Percival and Huntingdon Beaumont, esquire, which they lately bought of John Bate, of London, merchant. Sir Percival also agrees to grant to Fosbrooke the dwelling-house of the said Fosbrooke and all the grounds, etc., about the Bridges, which Sir Percival lately

¹ barges.

² At Nottingham.

took to ferm of John Bate, and also another house at Newark where the coals are now laid.

Fosbrooke agrees to fetch the coal from the lane end at the rate of 3,000 rookes yearly during the said term, and to convey them thence to the Trent Bridge to the coalyard, and to sell them there or by water, and to pay for the same to Sir Percival five shillings and sixpence for every rooke, and to pay 100*l.* beforehand. Fosbrooke is to maintain the boats in good repair, except the keele that John Jervys works and "the Bartholemew."

"The names of the boates belonging to Sir Percivall: The John; The William; The Constance; The Anne; The Trinity; The Grace of God; The Speedwell; The Bartholemew; the keele in John Jervis' hands; The Henry Maria." 24.

1609, Sept. 20.—Lease for 21 years from Henry Handley, of Brampcote, co. Nottingham, gent., to Sir Percival Willoughbie, of Wollaton, co. Nottingham, knt., of "all the cooles, colemynes, and veynes and delfes of cooles lyinge and beinge in the wastes, moores, and common groundes" of the said Henry in Brampcote, with ingress and egress to and from the said wastes, etc., "there to search for and get cooles and to digg, delve and make pitt and pittes, soughe and soughes for the gettinge of cooles there, and wood and timber to be used in or about any pitt or pittes, or otherwise for or aboute the gettinge of cooles to lay in or upon any parte of the premisses, and the cooles there gotten to worke, stacke, and laye in places conveynent within the said wastes, moores, and common groundes," at an annual rent of 20*s.*, and upon delivery of four "rookes" of coal annually to the said Henry at Wollaton Pittes or Trowell Pittes, and subject to delivery of 40 "rookes" of coal for every year that he shall get coal from the premises. The lessee is to deliver up at the expiration of the term "such and soe many pitt and pittes open and chandrable¹ and fitt for gettinge of cooles therein as shall be wrought and cooles gotten in at any time within three yeares next before th'end and expiration of the said terme." 24.

[c. 1610].—An inventor's proposal for improved pumping machine for use in coal-pits.

"An ingin to be made that shall drawe fifteene tunne of water in one hower's space at one hundred fadam depth, with this hellpe onlye of two able menne; if the depth be but fittie fadam, one manne shall draw the haulfe of fifteen tunne of an hower. And for a cleare prooffe that this may and will be fully effected, the partie desiring of such an ingin shall have a modell of it made, by which it shall be clearly manifested unto him that it will carrie or dryve the water

¹ In working order? Not in *New English Dictionary*

to any height whatsoever wheare a pipe may be fixed, below, right up or sloape.

The worke or ingin to be lett downe into the myne or pitt shall not be above three footte square and six footte high, to be taken in peeces and sett together agayne in two hower's tyme.

Theare is a modell allredie made of wood, by which it will be made manifeste that the greate frame, no bigger yet then as aforesayed, shall worke the effect above mentioned.

Theare is demaunded for the greate worke for his device and paynes only one hundred pounds after the ingin is founde to worke the promised effect, conditionally that the ingenere may keepe the key of the worke himselve, only that no other may know the secretes of it; which after it is fully fynisht, hee will mayntayne at his owne charge, beinge yearly payed fiftye pound at Michellmas and Our Lady Day by equall porcions.

The charge of the greate worke at first to the partie that will sett the inginer on worke will be fortie pound, the pypes excepted, which are presumed to be in any goinge worke allredie.

It is mutche wished and desired that suche an ingein may be seene in worcke, as well for the good of a (*sic*) comon wealthe as his benefitt that shall or can continuwe it.

But smale modles often fayle and sounne prove defective when they cume to worcke upon heavye and continuall weightes in greater proportions, and a smale weight to be drawne a hundered fadam will growe heavye before it be wrought up and worke many wheelles, which can nott be as it is supposed of any solide contineuance, beside many unexpected accidentes both for men and frames, which in such a depthe usuallie and daylye happen.

Theare are at Wollaton neare Nottingham colle-pitts allredye suncke, and mutch tyme, charge and travell employed in tryinge manye conclusions for raysinge and avoydinge of watter, yett in fiftye yeardes [*read* yeares] past there is now founde to reste and relye upon the oulde and usuall cheaine pompe, sutche as ar now used in London to force the Teames water to serve there houses.

There ar nowe at Wollaton three pitts with cheaine pumpe only employed for drawinge of water, the bore or hollowe of these pumpe ar fower inches over, and all or two in continuall worke, and the height that the drawe the water is under fiteene fadam, a farr lesse proportion for the depthe in which men may with better ease both accomadate themselves and there frames, wiche will every hower requyre both repayre and attendance.

Hee that owes these pitts at Wollaton, after the water is gott out and his collyers have wrought sixe dayes in the workes, will weekly pay every Satardaye fortye shillinges, soe long as the water may be drawne or kept with any ingin whatsoever, that his men may worcke and gett colles. Other workes and mynes not farr of may daylye mend and increase

his profett that can performe such an ingin, and at Wollaton, to further any reasonable project, ther are models to be seene of all the water-workes that are of any worth or valewe in Italye, Garmanye or the Low Contryes.

[*Note at the foot of the page.*] To inquier in Drewry Lane for Mr. Rookes house. 24.

[c. 1610.]—Propositions from Robert Fosbrooke for the sale of coals, either by himself or in conjunction with Mr. Beamont. “Articles to be performed by Mr. Beamont. For this monye there is expected to be had att the pittes 2,608 rookes, 2 quarters of coles, which is after iijs. *xd.* the rooke, new drawen coales, wherof everie week 60 rookes or more to be delivered. Everie rooke to conteyne in measure 2 yeardes one quarter hye, and one yeard square, close stacked. . . Coales to be sold att Newark for *ixs. ijd.* the rooke and not above, withowt Mr. Beamont’s licence. . .” 24.

1610, January 20.—ROBERT FOSBROOKE to Sir PERCIVAL WILLOUGHBY.

“Right worshipful. I have for the most part, with Isocrates, held ytt better *tacere quam loqui*. Butt where I am accused, I am forced to mainteyne the contrary, for ytt is an Englishe maxime that silence maketh guiltie. To avoyd the same I must needes speake, and will therefore saie the truthe, for *veritas non querit angulos*; and the rather bycause I perceave your worship nott rashlie credulous, butt as befitteth justice inclined *audire alteram partem*, for which I praise God, and humbly thanke your worship. In your last lettre to me save one your worship exhibited a compleynt made by Mr. Beaumontes agent agenst Burton Goodwyn and myselfe: of hym for his often absence in his place, of me for making no use of your boates. For Burton Goodwyn’s parte I dare avouche, partly by myne owne knowledg, partly by other indifferent men’s reportes, that he hath bene and is very carefull to supply his place to his owne credit, your contentment and according to your reposed trust, and seldom absent butt when any earnest occasion either of your’s or his owne might provoke hym. To clere myself, I beseeche you lett myne owne report prevaile till further tryall, which I wishe, for I speak nothing butt truthe. After you graunted me your boates, I presentlie traveled one of them to Gainsborough loaden with coales three weekes together, and refraughted with London goodes for Lenton faire, and ever since weeklie to Newark with coales. Th’other boat, being leakye and altogether untackled, save her mast-poll, I was forced to lett stand till theis defectes were supplied, and in the meane tyme either Hentworth or some of his people did use her to fetche gorse without my consent or knowledg, and soone after she was caste on Newark weare, from whence no help cold gett her of withowt daunger of her hurt, till an hye water came, by which meanes I was both hyndred of

her travell to my losse and payd money for help to gett her of agen, and besydes beholden to many, and all this by their meanes, and yett I am compleyned on without cause. And further, Hentworth tooke her mast-poll from her, and used ytt to his owne boates a great while without leave, till I urged hym to restore ytt. In fine, Sir, they speake me faire, butt as the proverbe is *habent mel in ore et fel in corde*. Butt theis wronges maie shortly be requited with your worship's leave and pleasure.

Towching our sale of coles, we have solde more by many then Hentworth hathe. Butt Hentworth maie well overgoe us in cariadg of more coles to Newark, bycause he nether payeth for coles nor cariadg till he have sold them, and we paie beforehand, so that we are nott able to have great stackes standing by us for wante of stock¹, as he maie. Butt yf ytt pleased your worship to afford us a competent somme of money upon sufficient securitie and for interest, or coles upon securitie to paie for them when we have sold them, then we wold cary more then he can, and can sooner sell them. To which end I beseeche you lett us have your furtheraunce.

Sir, there is now great hope of infinit store of coles to be gotten att Strelley, as I heare by Burton Goodwyn, and four pittes now going, the getts greatlie exceeding the charges alredy, and likly dailie more to increase. The truthe of all which I leave to Burton Goodwyn to certefie, who better knoweth, for *unus oculus testis valet mille auritos*.²

Mr. Huntington is to have Strelley agen, paying 3,300*li*. within one yeare and six moneths next; his entrance is now. He hopeth of 1,500*li*. gayne from Bedlington pittes this yeare for his parte, and 500*li*. from Strelley for his part towardes the payment aforesaid, butt I pray God this adage be nott trew in this case *parturiunt montes, nascetur ridiculus mus*³.

Your worship's ever at comandement,

Rob. Fosbr[ooke].

[Addressed :] To the right worshipfull Sir Percivall Willoughbye, knight, att Carlile Howse in Lambeth Mershe, over agenst Westminster." 24.

1610, May 1.—ROBERT FOSBROOKE to SIR PERCIVAL WILLOUGHBY.

"Right worshipfull. In the beginning of my preparacion for cariadg and purposed imployment of your boates for the furtheraunce of your sale of coles by water, which Mr. Hynd knowes I have indevoored to effect in the best manner I yett can, and he with me, I have bene crossed, partly, I feare, of envye and partly of otherwyse. For I was cast in prizon by

¹ Capital.

² Plautus, *Truculentus*, ii. 6, 8, 'pluris est oculus testis unus quam auriti decem,' which is quoted by Erasmus, *Adagia*, Chil. Sec. Centuria Sexta 54.

³ Horace, *Ars Poetica*, 139.

Mr. Gyles, one of Mr. Huntingdon Beaumont's freindes, and within four dayes after John Henworth (I being in prizon) went downe to Newark, and tooke from our men the boat which Mr. Hynd and I had ordered to be wrought in your name. I caused one of them to be brought up to the bridges, meaning presently to imploy her, and John Henworth saith (as I am informed) he will fetche that back agen to Newark and tye her to Mr. Huntingdon Beaumont's yard,—butt that he shall nott,—which falleth owt to my great discreditt, hyndraunce, and the crosse of your worship's appoyntment. . . . Sir Thomas Beaumont was with me, and in myld manner att the first told me his brother Mr. Huntingdon did greatly compleyne of me, and many for my evill behaviour in my place, and therefore he was sory to do ytt, butt yett he did wishe me to make provision for some other stay. . . . I beseeche you take order with Sir Thomas that we maie have libertie to bring coales downe the rayles by wagen, for our caridages onely, and we will bring them downe by raile ourselves, for Strelley cartway is so fowle as few cariadges can passe.

Your worship's in all dewtifull service, ever att comandement
Rob. Fosbr[ooke].''

[Addressed to Sir Percival Willoughby at Carlile House
in Lambeth Mershe.] 24.

1614.—Papers concerning musters in co. Nottingham. 177.

1613-14.—“ An abstract of this last yeres reckoning for the receipt, deliverie, sale, losse and remainders of coles att the Bridges from the 4th of October last, 1613, till the 3rd of October succeeding, 1614.

October 4, 1613, the remainder was 122 roo[kes] 2 quarters.

Received since 3,145 roo[kes].

Delivered to Newark 2,111 roo[kes] 1 quarter.

Sold 508 roo[kes] 2 quarters.

Lost 20 roo[kes] 1 quarter.

October 3, 1614, the remainder was 626 roo[kes] 2 quarters.

Hereby appereth the former remainder and receipt since to amount to the some of 3,267 roo[kes] 2 quarters. And the deliverie, sale, losse and remainder that now is to be 3,266 roo[kes] 2 quarters. Wherby maie be perceived the difference onelie of one rooke in the totall during the wholl yere.

The sale att the railes for the yeare precedent is 1,600 roo[kes] and better.

The sale att Newark, as I lerne, 2,500 rookes and odd.

So that the totall sale att the Bridges, railes, and Newark for this yeare past amountes to the some of 4,608 rookes *et supra*.

The sale att Strelley I do nott yett know.

I beseeche your worship—remember to intreat for me for some good part of the upfr[eigh]tes and all the wharfage, till better fortunes fall.” 24.

1614, Sept. 24.—Disclaimer by RICHARD ST. GEORGE, Norroy King at Arms.

“ A Disclamacion. Endorsed: To the Chief-Constables to see effectually disclaymed in open markett, and to be sett upon the poast to be read by all men, as you will aunswer the contrary at your perill.

The kinges most excellent Majestie, being desirous that the nobillity and gentry of this his realme should be preserved in every degree as aperteyneth as well in honour as in worship, and that every person and persons, bodies politique corporeat and others be knowen in their estates and misteries without confusion and disorder, hath therefore authorized me Richard St. George, Norroy King of Armes of the north partes of this realme of England, not onely to visitt all the said province to peruse and take knowledge, survay and view all manner of armes, cognisances, creastes, and other like devices, with the notes of the discentes, pedegrees, and mariages of all the nobillity and gentry therein throughout containyed, but also to reprove, comptroll and make infamous by proclamacion all such as unlawfully and without just authority, vocacion or due calling doe or have done or shall usurp or take upon him or them any name or tytyle of honour or dignity as Esquyre or Gentleman or other, as by his Highnesses letters patent and commissions under the great scale of England more plainly doth apeare.

Know ye that I the said R. St. George, Norroy King of Armes, for the accomplishment of his Majesties desyre, and furtherance of his service that way, at this present making my survay within the Wapent[akes,] etc., within the County of Nottingham, have found these persons whose names are underwritten presumptuously without good ground or authority to have usurped the name and tytyle of Gentlemen, contrary to all right and to the most antient custome of this land and the usage of the law of armes, which name and tytyle they are by me admonished no more from henceforth to use or take upon them, upon such further payne and perill as by the Earle Marshall of England is to be inflicted. And for that purpose the Shiriffes and Clerkes of the Assises and of the Peace of this County are by me to be admonished to forbear hereafter to wryte or call them by that name and tytyle. Whereof also, as my commission bindeth me, I thought good hereby to advertise all other his Majesties good and loving subjecttes of this County that, as they tender his Highnes pleasure and desyre in this behalf, they from henceforth shun and avoyd the lyke and forbear to use in any wryting or otherwise the addicion of Esquyer or Gentleman,

unlesse they be able to stand unto and justefye the same by the law of armes and the law of the realme.

Given at Nottingham, the xxiiith of September, 1614, under the seale of mine office.

RIC. ST. GEORGE,
Norroy King of Armes.

¹AT NOTTINGHAM.

Robert Porter, of Byngham.
Thomas Shipman, of Scarington.
Hugh Kirchiver, of Orston.
Joell Barnard, of East Bridgford.
Francis Kilbourne, of Stanford.
William Rice, of Coshall.
Nicholas Strey, of Beeston.
Henry Brock, of Broxtow.
Geoffray Brock, of Basford.
George Harstaffe, of Eastwood.
Henry Pinnere, of Chillwell.
Ralph Somershall, of Mansfield.

AT NEWARK.

George Foxe, [of] Carleton.
Henry Mather, of Earleshall.
Luke Williamson, of Rolston.
George Wise, of the same.
William Gill, of the same.
William Sturtevaunt, of Carlton.
William Killimen, of Normanton.
John Bristoll, of Maplebeck.
William Sturtevant, of Norwell.
Michael Grundy, of Thurgarton.
William Reason, of Skegby.
John Truman, of Stoke.
William Pocklington, of South Scarle.

AT RETFORD.

Henry Bromwell, of North Wheat[ley].
John Boothe, of the same.
Philip Colly, of West Retford.
John Brock, of Bole.
Alexander Jessop, of Haydon.
Richard Brigges.
Charles White, of Sturton.
James Bacon, of Wellhaw.
George Dunston, of Edwinstow.
Roger Nettleship, of Beckingham.
Henry Wright, of Egmanton.
Gilbert Apleby, of Rampton.
Thomas Langley, of Wirkisop.
William Wood, of Blithe.”

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¹ The list of those disclaimed at Nottingham is printed, from Harl. MS., at the end of the *Visitations of Nottinghamshire, 1569 and 1614*, Harleian Society, 1871, p. 190.

[c. 1615], February 8.—Bridget WILLOUGHBY to Sir Percival WILLOUGHBY, her husband, concerning the behaviour of their daughters.

“I thought it good to let you understand your dater Storlie cam to me yesterday, and toulde me she did not like to put awaye her maids, being as well able to give them wages as she had beene and that she should never have sutche againe, and that she would not put them away for your plesur, and you had given her very hard speeches upon noe occasion, and she meant not to goe to London nor she knowes not how you will loke upon her when she is there, and she is soe gret with Mr. Candishes¹ son that she is fullie minded to have him. Your goodwill must be asked in this bisines; but whether you like it ore noe, it must goe forwards and be a matche. Mr. Masons (*sic*) dyned here yesterday, and desiered to specke with me, and then desiered my liking in it, for if you woulde loke to the making the assurances it woulde do well, bothe for a present estate and a greter after Mr. Candishes tim. I toulde him it woulde a done he had com to you afore your goinge, and mad you acquainted with his speeches. He assured me my Lord Candishe woulde talke with you in London about it, and assure you what he should have, and he did not thincke but it would be to your likinge, which if it be not, you must presentlie determine what you will doe, for her (*sic*) is everie day sending to her, and she going thether, and to dayes agoe he cam hether for her with my Ladies carrouche² and four fotemen to attend her, besides horsemen. But my Ladies horses toke a flinging while the stayd for your dater's trimming, and brocke my Ladies caroche,² overthrew the man, and to of the horses rane to Nottinggam, and to the [were] catched in the connyber³ with mutche adoe. Yet this visious gentlewoman with like maide went forwarde afote, and ther staid tell darke night, and then cam hether againe in another carroche with my Ladies gentlewomen and grete atendance. And it were not amise if you coulde spare som to dayes to com downe and safe all our credites, which she hath lost, and it may be you may in presence mend that, or save that, which otherwise never will be. And now you may beleeve her maide will not away tell she have mad her profit by her, and your daugheter Mynors went from hence with a good doble fornytur, which I thought should a carryed her whom, but I here sence she was bravelie furnytured and set upone a stone horse single, and one was faine to lead him by the hed and finely clokeed (*sic*) and savegarded, yet she saide she had not halfe those thinges she sent for, and exspectes mutche to be sent her. And now Nottinggam begines to talke one him, and it were not a mise they that have taken

¹ Cavendish.

² Coach.

³ Rabbit-warren.

all this care for her, would now doe so much as to com paye the mony he hasse borrowed in divers places.

Grase Yerlies husband Bodd is dead.

And thus hoping onse to be freede of this fransie company and to be at some beter quyet, I rest, Februarie this 8,

Yours,

B. W.

Let me here you have received this letter.

[*Addressed .:*] To the Right Worshipfull Sir Percivall Wyllughby, knight, neere Lambith at Carlile House give these. Speede." 24.

[c. 1615], February 11.—Bridget WILLOUGHBY to her husband, Sir Percival WILLOUGHBY, concerning the marriage of their daughter with Mr. Cavendish.

"I have sent you a troncke yesterday by the carriar of Nottinggam, and a rounde basket without a lid with ij. rownds of brawne and iij. toungs in it. Dowting you would be com away afore the carrier had delyvered it makes me remember you that som body may be bed¹ put them in sowse drinke. For here is grete forwardnes, and you had neede make som hast downe, to know what shall be assured, otherwise they will be maried, and after assurances will com but slow. And now Mr. Mason seemes to perswade your daughter to goe up with me, but her maid, who knows all, saith she dar lay anything she will not, and if it fall out that she will, I am sure he will com up to with her, and the riding, flawning, roysting, and flortting by the way will be sutche as every ostelor will talke of it. He is every day here and in her chamber, and Mr. Rosell and Mr. Mason, and banketes in her chamber. If you can com, make a end of it; which being done one the soden, you may saufe cost, which otherwise she meanes to put one you, for she talkes of many nue gownes which she intends to have of riche stufe. And sence it must be a matche whether we will or noe, methinkes all things considered, it were best ended at Mr. Candyshes house, and it is a good riddance a sutche a gentlewoman, who saithe your harde speeches to her hathe mad her make mor hast then otherwise she woulde have done. If I did know whether you would com or noe, I wold brue som iij. hougheds of bere, for her is but v. hougheds left. Februarie the xj.

Yours,

B. W.

Your daughter Jell is with her mother-in-law. She went a Wensday last.

[*Addressed .:*] To my lovinge husbande, Sir Percyvall Wyllughby, knight, give thise." 24.

1615, June 15.—ROBERT FOSBROOKE to Sir PERCIVAL WILLOUGHBY.

"Sir, as I do nott cease dailie to praie to God for the helthe and happines of your worship and all yours (according to

¹ Bidden.

my bounden dewtie), so longeth my heart to imbrace those meanes wherby my loyall service might bring wished profittes to your contentment, and give powerfull comfortes to my present weaknes. The hopefull helpes and likelie meanes to produce theis effectes (*Deo non obstante*) are your colemynes and misterie of glassemakinge. God hasten the conuoye of them bothe within your lordship of Wollerton, for then I feare nott to you (*Deo favente*) a pecuniall contentacion, and to your poore servant (*dignitate tua iubente*) a competent satisfaccion. Of theis I humbly praie for speedie and good tydings, and wished progresse. And for th'one, to my comfort, I understand your purposed proceedinges by your clearing of your soughes, which I weeklie frequent, wher by Toll *et socios* I am informed of the desired succes and eminencie therof. And for th'other att this present there is come downe a proclamacion prohibiting the making of any more glasse with wood; by the which I conjecture a likelihood of the re-establishing of the former comission, and so by consequence a hopefull meane to settle some workes therof within your lordship here, wherof I beseeche you be myndfull, for ytt wilbe for your great good. . . .

And humbly desiring to heare of your worship whether there be hopefull newes of the glasse-making here, bycause ytt wold comfort me and make me looke to be better prepared for the ma[king] therof. These fornesses will cost more for building then . . . estimate by muche. *Et sic Deus Opt. Max. tuam dignitatem [con]servet incolumem et superstitem reddat!*

Your worship's ever att comandement,

Rob. Fosb[rooke.]

Post scriptum.—Old Lady Manners is dead.”

Addressed to Sir Percival Willoughby at Carlile House in Lambeth Marshe.

This letter refers to the valuation (“extending”) of the coalmines at the suit of certain merchants, creditors of the Beaumonts, by a jury at Mansfield, and states that “upon the 6 of June was likewise intended an inquisition att the iron-milles, butt there being no iron in the warehowse, saving a stock thought worth 500*li.*, which lay all upon my Lord of Huntington's grownd, they made there no further adoe, as I thinke bycause first they will talke with the erle of Huntington.”

24.

[c. 1615.]—HUNTINGDON BEAUMONT [to Sir PERCIVAL WILLOUGHBY].

“Good Sir, whereas you write unto me to pay unto Sir Philip 40 or 50*li.*, some parte thereof he hath had, and sholde have had all yf I had it, but he seeth plainlie that my receites, as this yeare falleth out, will but pay the weekelie charge, and in verie truthe the coolemines for ought that I can see can

not answer their owne charges. Yet you knowe that I must pay one thousande markes to Sir John and him, besides usurie, which biteth to the verie boone, and the continuall charge of removinge cooles to the bridges, everie loade whereof I doe hier to be done, and pay weeklie the same. Yf you please but to consider these things, you may well thinke that I have much adoe for monie, and so I have as ever I had in my life; neither knowe indeede which way to turne me, our sale beinge so bad as it is. This yeare will prove worse unto us bie one thousande poundes then ever any mortall man cold have imagined, in respect of the unseasonable weather, which hath greatlie diminished our sale, and much increased our charge, so that as you write unto me that it rayneth continuallie upon you (which is no small grieffe for me to heare), so may I most trulie say that it poureth downe upon me, I feare to the verie drowninge of me. . . .

I pray you sende for Mr. Bate to come [to] you, and sounde him thoroughlie what they intende, for though Trente be almost continuallie banke full and bootes might goe downe at pleasure, and they mighte have sente downe three or foure hundred poundes worthe of cooles and made us some retourne that way, they will doe nothinge at all, not one boote styrrethe or one boote moveth, but lay a heavie loade upon my back, and will not put to their little finger to it to ease the same. . . .

You have further written unto me to enter into two thousande pounde bounde to Sir John Hollis and to Mr. Zacheverell. . . . You knowe, Sir, that I am alreadie bounde for above three thousande poundes for you, and that yet I could never bie any possible meanes get out of any one bounde that ever I entred into. Things have gone so crosse with us both, and yf Mr. Bate doe but faile us in renewinge our boundes in November next (which I much feare), then am I sure to be clapped up too, and then what will become of these businesses? I pray you therefore, good Sir, first let us endeavour to get out of the old boundes, and then I shalbe readie to enter into new as far as you please, for I doe assure you that I am alreadie so far in boundes aboute these businesses as were they to begin againe, all the coole-mines in Englande sholde [stand] alone for me before I wold adventure so far for them all. . . .

Touchinge the wharfe, I can not advise you to deale in it, for here is neither monie, neither knowe we whether ever the busines will come into our handes, but I have acquainted Lenton with all, and yet have no answer.

And this with my kindest salutations to yourselfe, to my good ladie, and all yours, I take my leave.

Wollaton, the vj. of August.

Your verie assured lovinge frende,

Huntingdon Beaumont.' 24.

[1617].—Description of the people and country of Scotland, and of the reception of James I. in that country.¹

“First for the country, I must confesse it is too good for those that inhabit it, and too bad for others to be at the charge of conquering it. The ayre might be wholesome but for the stinkeinge people that lyve in it, and the ground might be made fruitfull had they witt to manure it. Their beastes generallye are smale (women only excepted), of which sorte there are noe greater in the world. There is greate store of fowell, as foule houses, fowle lynnen, fowle dishes and pottes, fowle trenchers and napkyns, fowle sheetes and shirtes, with which sorte of fowle wee had liked to fare as the children of Israell did with their fowle in the wildernes. They have greate store of fish too and good for those that can eat it rawe, but if it come once into their hands, it is presently three days oulde. For their butter and cheese, I’le not meddle with it att this tyme, nor noe man at anye tyme that loves his lyfe. They have likewise greate store of deere, but they are so farre from the places where I have yett beene as I had rather beleve it then goe to disprove it : I confesse all the deere I mett with was deere lodgeinge, deare horsemeate, deare tobacco and English beere. As for fruite, for their grandam Eve’s sake they never planted anye. And for ther trees, had Christ beene betrayed in this cuntry, as doubtles he should have beene had he come as a straunger amongst them, Judas had sooner founde the grace of repentaunce then a tree to hang him selfe on. They have many hills wherein they tell men there is much treasure, but they shew none of it. Nature hath only discovered unto them some mynes of coales to shew to what end shee created them. I see little grasse but in their pottage, and noe flowers but such as modestye forbidds me name. The thistle was not given them for noughte, for it is the fairest flower in their garland. The word ‘hay’ is heathen Greeke to them, neither man nor beast knows what it meanes. Corne is reasonable plentifull at this tyme, for since they harde of the king’s comeinge, it hath beene as unlawfull for the comon people to eate wheate as it was of old for anye but the priestes to eate of the shoebreade. They

¹ This scathing description of the Scotch was printed under the title of “A perfect Description of the People and Country of Scotland. London, printed for J. S. 1659,” 12 mo., 21 pp. It is reprinted in the ‘Secret History of the Court of James the First,’ Edinburgh, 1811, ii. 75, and in Nicholls ‘Progresses of King James I.’ iii. 338. (From information supplied by Professor Firth.) See also ‘Calendar of State Papers, Domestic,’ 1623-5, p. 550. The present text is in many cases superior to that already printed, and has the merit of being derived from a contemporary MS., which seems to have been addressed to some Nottinghamshire gentleman, judging from the reference to Wallingwells (page 186. note 1), which puzzled the printers of the 1659 text. The letter is ascribed to Sir Anthony Welldon, author of the “Court and Character of King James,” and is said to have been written during the king’s visit to Scotland in 1617. “The piece having been found wrapped up in one of the records of the Board of Green Cloth, was traced to Sir Anthony Welldon, and led to his dismissal from Court” (*Secret History*, ii. 75). The passages in brackets are supplied from the printed text.

prayed much for his comeinge, and long fasted for his welfare.¹ All his followers weere welcome but the garde; those they say looke lyke Pharaoh's leane kyne and threaten a dearth where ere they come. They would perswade the footemen that oaten cakes will make them long-winded, and the children of the Chappell they have brought to eate of them for the maintenaunce of their voices. They say our cookes are too sawce, and for groomes and coachmen, they wish them to give their horses noe worse then they should be contented to eate themselves. They comende the brave mindes of the pentioners and gentlemen of the chamber, who choose rather to goe to tavernes then to be always eateinge of the kinges provision. They likewise comende the yeomen and pages of the buttrye and seller for their retirednes and silence, in that they will heare twentye knock before they answeare one. They perswade the trumpeters that fasteing is good for men of their quallitye, for emptines, say they, causeth winde, and winde makes a trumpet sounde sweetelye. The bringinge of heralds they say was a needeles charge, for they all know his pedegree well enogh, and the herbingers might have beene spared, since the[y] brought so many bedes alonge with them and of twoe evills, since the lesser is to be chosen, they wishe the bedes may remaine with them and the poore herbingers keepe their places and doe their office as they returne. His hangeinges they likewise desire should remaine there as reliques allwaies to putt them in minde of His Majestie, and they promis to dispencc with the woven ymages therein, but for the graven images in his new beautified chappell, they threaten to pull them downe soone after his departure and make of them a burnt offeringe to appease the indignation they imagin is conceived againste them in the brest of the Almighty for sufferinge such idolatrie to enter their kingdome. The organs, I thinke, will finde mercye, because, as they saie, there is some affinity betwixte them and the baggepipes. The skipper that brought the singinge men with their papisticall vestmentes complaines that hee hath beene much troubled with a strange singinge in his head ever since they came aboarde his shippe, for remedie whereof the pastor of the parishe hath perswaded him to sell the profaned vessell and distribute the money amongst the faithfull brethren.

For His Majesties entertainment I must confesse ingeniously hee was received into the parishe of Edenborrowe, for a cittie I cannot call it, with greate shoutes of joye but noe shewes of charge, for pageantes they hould them idolatrous thinges and not fitt to be used in so reformed a place. From the Castle they gave him some peeces of ordinance, which surely hee gave the Castle since hee was kinge of Englande, and att the entrance of the towne the[y] presented him with a goulden bason, which was carried before him on men's

¹ The printed text here adds "but in the more plainer sense that he might fare the better."

shoulders to his place, the place, I thinke, indeede from whence it came. They protested that yf Christ had come from heaven, Hee could [not] have beene more wellcome: I beleve it, for His Majestie came but to sommon them to a Parliament, and Christ would have sommoned them to judgment, which they love not to heare of. He was conveyed by the yonkers of the towne (which were some C. holbdeeres, deerey shall they rue it, in respect of the charges) to the Crosse, and soe to the High Church, where the onely bell they had stood on tiptoe to behoulde his faire face; where I must intreate you to spare him for an houre, since I confesse there I left him.

In the meane time to report the speeches of the people concerning his never sampled intertainment, were to make this discourse too tedious unto you, as the sermon seemed to those that [werc] constrained to indure it. After the preachment, hee was conducted by the same holbdeeres unto his palace, of the which I forbear to speake, because it is a place sanctified by his divine Majestie, onely I wishe it had been Wallinge Wells¹ for my frendes sakes that waited on him.

²To bringe the Major backe to his lodginge, who all this while accompanied His Majestie, were to much to amplifie my storie, because the gentleman lodges three stories high.

I will onelye breiffly and faithfullly speake of the people, according to their degrees and qualitiyes.

For the Lordes Spirituall they may well be called soe, for indeede they are neither fishe nor fleshe, but what it shall please their earthly God the Kinge to make them. Obedience they houlde better thenn sacrifice, and therefore they make a mockerye at martyrdom, sayinge that Christ was to dye for them and not they for Him. They will rather subscribe then surrender, and rather dispence with smalle things then trouble themselves with greate disputacions. They will rather acknowledge the kinge to be there head then want wherewith to pamper their bodies. They have taken greate paines and travaile to compasse their bishopricks and they will not lose [them] for a trifle.

For the poore deacons whose desertes will not lift them up to dignities, all their study is to disgrace them that have gott the least degree before them, and because they cannot wryte bishop, the[y] proclaime they never read of any. The scripture, say they, speakes of deacons and ellders, but not a worde of deanes or bishops; their discourse is full of detraction, their sermons nothinge but realinge, and there conclusions either heresie or treason; for that religion they have I confesse it is above my reache, and, God willinge,

¹ The printed text reads "better walls," but the reference is to Wallingwells, in the manor of Carlton-in-Lindrick, co. Notts. In 1612 the possessions of Wallingwells priory were held by Humphrey Pype, but Sir Gervase Clifton, who held the manor of Carlton, had also possessions in Wallingwells. See Thoroton, *Notts*, 466b, 467.

² The whole of this paragraph is omitted in the printed text.

I will never stretche for it. They christen without the crosse, marrye without a ringe, receive the sacrament without reverence, dye without repentance, and bury without divine service. They keepe no holydaies nor acknowledge any Sainct but Sainct Andrew, who they said gott that honor by presentinge Christ with an oaten cake after His 40tie daies fast. They saie likewise he that translated our English bible was the sonne of some maulster, because hee speakes of a miracle done with barley loaves, whereas they sweare they were oaten cakes, and no other bread of that quantity could have satisfyed so many thowsand people. They use no praiser att all, for they saie it is needeles, God knowes their wantes without their pratlinge, and what hee does, hee loves to doe freelye. Their Sabboth daies exercise is preachinge in the morninge, and persecutinge their backbiters after dynner. They goe to church in the forenoone to heare the lawe and to the craggess and mountaines [in the] afternoon to louse them.¹ They hould their nose yf you talke of b[earbaiting], and they stoppe their eares yf you speake of a plea[y]. Fornicacion they hould but a pastime, wherein man's abilitye is aproved and the act[iv]itye or fertilitye of women discovered. Adultery they [shake their heads at]. Theft they reale att, murder they wincke at and blassphemy they laugh att. [They think it impossible to lose the way to Heaven if they can but leave Rome behind them.]” 24.

1618.—Papers concerning musters in co. Nottingham. 177.

1618.—Portion of a news-letter, giving an account of the proceedings in Spain on the return of Gondomar from his embassy to England. The letter is rather carelessly copied, and has clearly not been compared with original before being despatched.

“*Newes from Spaine.*”

His Catholique Magestie had given commandement presently upone the retourne of Seignior Gondomar, his Leiger Embassador from England² (1618) [to holde] a special meeting of all the princip[all] states of Spaine whoe where of his counsell, together with the presidents of the counsell of Castilie, of Arragon, of Italy, of Portugall, of the Indies, of the Treasure of warre, and especially of the Holy Inquisition should be held att Mawson³ in Arragon, the Duke of Lerma⁴ being apoynted President, who should make declaration of His Magistie's pleasure, take accompt of the

¹ “themselves,” printed text.

² Sarmiento, created Count of Gondomar in April, 1617, left London for Spain on 16 July, 1618, and set out on his return journey on 21 November, 1619 (Gardiner, *Prince Charles and the Spanish Match*, i., pp. 135, 301).

³ An error for Manson, i.e., Manchones?

⁴ The power of the Duke of Lerma, the favourite and Prime Minister of Philip III., came to an end in October, 1618 (Mariana, *Historia de España*, lib. xvi., p. 621).

Embassador's service, and consult longing the estate and religion respectively, to give satisfaction to His Holines Nuntio, who was desired to make one in this assembly concerning certayne overtures of peace and amyty with the English and other Catholique projects which might ingender suspicion and jelousie betwixt the pope and His Magestie if the mistery were not unfolded and the ground of those counsells discovered afore hand.

This made all men expect the embassador's return with a kind of longing that they might behold the issue of this meeting and see what good for the catholique cause the embassador's employment had effected in England answerable to the generall opinion conceived of his wisdom, and what further project would be sett on foote to become matter for publique discourse.

At lenght he arived and had present notice given him from his Magistie that before he came to court he should give up his accompt to this assembly, which command he gladly received as an earnest of his acceptable service, and gave thanks that for his honour he might publish himselfe in soe judicious a presence.

He came first upone the daye apointed to the counsell chamber (except the secratarye) not long after all the counsell of state and the presidents meet ; ther wanted only the Duke of Lerma and the pope's Nuntio, who were the head and feete of all the assembly. These two stayed long away for divers respects, the [Nuntio] that he might expresse the greatnes of his Master and loose the sea of Rome noe respect by his oversight, but that the benches might be full to observe him at his aproache, the Duke of Lerma, to expresse the authority and dignity of his owne persone, and to shewe how a servant put in place of his master exacts more service of his fellow-servants then the master himselfe. These two stayed tell all the rest were wery of wayting, but at lenght the Nuntio, supposing all the counsell sett, lanced forth and came to road in the councell chamber, where (after mutuall dischard[ge] of duty from the company and blessing upon itt from him) he sate downe in solempne silence, greiving att his oversight when he saw the Duke of Lerma absente, with whome he strove as a competitor for pompe and glory.

The Duke had sente before and understood of the Nuntio's being there, and stayed something the longer that his boldnes might be observed, wherin he had his desire, for the Nuntio having a while patiently driven away the time with severall complements to severall personnes, had now almost runne his cour[t]ship out of breath, but the Duke of Villa Hermosa, president of the counsell of Arragon, fead his humor by the discharg of his owne disconten[t]ments upon occasion of the Duke of Lerma his absence, and beckoned Seignior Gondomar to him, using this speach in the hearing of the

Nuntio after a sporting manner: 'How unhappy are the people were you have bene, first for ther soules, being heriticks, then for their estats, where the name of a favorite is soe familior. How happy is our estate, where the kies of life and death are soe easily come by (poynting at the Nuntio), hanging att every religious girdle, and where the doore of justice and mercy stand equally open to all men, without any respect of personnes.' The ambassador knew this ironically stroke to be intended as a by blowe at the Nuntio, but fully att the Duke of Lerma (whose greatnes beganne now to waxe heavy towards declension), and therefore he returned this answe: 'Your excellency knoweth the estate is happie where wisse (*sic*) favorits governe kings, if the kings themselves be foolish, or where wise kings are who, having favorits, whether foolish or of the wisser sorte, will not be governed by them. The state of England, howsoever you heare of it in Spayne or Rome, is two happy in the last kinde. They need not much care what the favorits be (though¹ for the most part he be such as prevents all susspicion in that kinde, being rather chossen as a scholler to be taught and trayned up then as a tutor to teach). Of this they are sure, noe prince exceeds theirs in personall abilitys, soe that nothing could be added to him in any wish² but this one that he were our vassaile and a catholique.'

With that the noyse without gave notice of the Duke of Lermaes enterance, at whose first approach the whole house arose, though some latter then other as [if] envy had hung plummits one them to keepe them downe. The Nuntio onely sat unmoved. The Duke cherished the observance of the rest with a familior kind of cariag to hie for curtesie, as one not neglecting ther demeners but expecting it, and after a fillicoll [*for filial*] obeysance to the pope his Nuntio, sat downe as president under the cloth of state but somewhat lower. Then, after a space given for admiration, preparation, and attention, he beganne to speake in this maner: 'The king my master, holding it more honorable to doe then to discourse, to take from you the expectation of oratory, used rather in scholls and pullpitts then in counsells, hath appointed me president in this holy, wise, learned and noble assembly; a man naturally of a slow speach and not desirous to quicken it by art or industry, as holding action only proper to a Spaynard, as I am by birth, to a souldier, as I am by profession, to a kinge, as I am by representation. Take this, therefore, breefly for declaration, both of the cause of this meeting and my master his further pleasure. There hath benne in all tymes from the world's foundation one cheefe commander or monarch upon the earth; this needs no further prooffe then a back-looking into our owne memorys and historys of the world, nether now is ther any question (except

¹ *thought*, MS. So throughout.

² 'wise.'

with infidells and hereticks) of that one cheefe commander in speritualls, in the unity of whose person the members of the visible church are included. But ther is some doubt of the cheefe comander in temperalls, who (as the moone to the sunne) might governe by night as this by day, and by the sword of justice compelle to come in, or cutt of such as infrng the authorytie of the keyes. This hath bene soe well understood long sence by the infalible chaire as that therby upon the declension of the Roman emperors and [the] increase of Rome's sperituall splendor (who (*sic*) though it [is] unnaturall that the sunne should be sublunorye) our nation was by the bishop of Rome selected before other peoples to conquer and rule the nationes with a rodd of iron. And our king to that end adorned with the title of catholique kinge, as a name above all names under the sunne, which is under God's vicar-generall himselve, the catholique bishopp of soules. To instant this poynt by comparasone, looke first upon the Grand Seignior, the great Turke, who hath a larg title but not universall, for besids that he is an infidle, his command is conñined within his owne territoryes, and he [is] stiled not emperour of the world but of the Turks and ther vassails only. Among Cristians the Defender of the Faith was a glorious stile whilist the king to whom it was given by His Holines continued worthy of it, but he stood not in the truth, nether yet those that succeeded him, and besids it was no great thing to be called what every Cristian ought to be 'defender of the faith'; no more then to be stiled with France 'the Most Christian King,' wherin he hath the greatest part of his title common with most Cristians. The emperour of Russia, Rome, and Jernany extend not their limitts further then their title, which are locall. Onely my master, the Most Catholique King, is for dominion of bodys as the universall bishop for dominion of soules over all that part of the world we call America (except where the English intruders usurp) and the greatest part of Europe, with some part of Asia and Africa by actuall possession, and over all the rest by reall and indubitable right, yet acknowledgeth this right to be derived from the free and fatherly donation of His Holines, who, as the sunn to the moone, lends luster by the reflection to this kingdome, to this king, to this king of kings my master. What, therefore, he hath, howsoever gotten, he may keep and hold; what he can gett from any other king or comander by any strata-geme of warr or pretence of peace [he may take], for it is theirs only by usurpation, except they hold it of him from whome all civill power is derived as ecclesiasticall from His Holines. What the ignorant call treason, if it be one his behalfe is truth, and what they call truth, if it be against him is treason. And thus all our peace, our warre, our treaties, our mariages, and whatsoever intendment else of ours ames at this principall end, to gett the whole possession of the world and to reduce all to unity under one¹ temperall head

¹ *our*, MS.

that our king may be what he is stiled, the catholique and universall king. As faith is therefore universall and the church universall, yet soe as it is under one head, the Pope, whose seat is and [must] necessarily be at Rome, where St. Peter sate, soe must all men be subject to our and the catholique king, whose particular seat is heere in Spayne, his universall everywhere. This poynt of state, or¹ rather of fayth, wee see the Roman catholique religion hath taught everywhere and all most maid naturall, soe that by a keye of gold, by intelligence, or by way of confession my master is able to unlocke the secretes of every prince, and to withdrawe the[ir] subjects allegiance, as if they knew themselves rather my master his subjects in truth then theirs whom ther birth hath taught to miscall soveraine. Wee see this in France and in England especially, where at once they learne to obey the church of Rome as their mother, to acknowledge the² catholique king as their father and to hate their owne king as an heritique and an usurper. Soe we see religion and the state coupled together, laugh and weepe, florish and fade, and participate of ether's fortune as growing upone one stocke of policy. I speake this the more boldly in this presence because I speake before none but native personnes, who are partakers both in themselves and issues of these triumphs above all those of ancient Rome, and therefore such (as besids their oathes) it concernes to be secreet; nether nead we restraine this freedome of speach from the Nuntio his presence because that (*sic*) besids that he is a Spaniard by birth, he is allsoe a Jesuitt by profession, an order rayseed by the providence of God's vicar to accomplish this monarchy the better, all of them being appropriate therunto and as publique agents and privy councillors to this end, wherin the wisdom of this state is to be beheld with admiration that as in temperall [warre] it implies³ or at least trust[s] none but natives in Castile, Portugall, or Arragon, soe in speritualls it implys³ none but the Jesuitts, and soe implies³ them that they are generally reputed how remote soever they be from us, how much soever obliged to others, still to be ours and still to be of the Spanish faction, though they be Polonians, English, French, and residing in those contrys and courtes. The penitents, therefore, and all with whom they deale and converse in their sperituall traffique must needs be soe too. And soe our catholique king must needs have an invisible kingdome, and an unknowen number of subjects in all dominiones who will shew themselves and ther faithes⁴ by ther works of disobediene whensoever we shall have occasion to use that Jesuitticall [virtue] of theirs.

1 of, MS.

2 ther, MS.

3 'employs.'

4 fathers, MS.

‘This, therefore, being the principall end of all our counsellis according to those to those (*sic*) holy directions of our late pious king Philip the 2 to his sonne, now reining,¹ to advance the catholike Roman religion and the catholique Spanish dominion together, we are now mett together by his Magisties command to take account of you, Seignior Gondomar, whoe have bene embassador for England, to see what good you have effected their towards the advancement of this worke, and what further project shall be thought fitt to be sett one foote to this end. And this is breefly the occasion of our metting.’

Then the embassador, who attended bareheaded all the time, with a low abeysance, began thus: ‘This most laudable custume of [our] kings in bringing all office[r]s to such an accompt, where a review and a notice is taken of of (*sic*) go[o]ld or bad service upone the determinatione of ther employment, resembles those Romish triumphes appointed for the souldiers, and as in them it provoked to courage, soe in us it stirs up to diligence. Our master co[nverse]th by his agents with all the world, yet with none of more regard then the English, where matter of such diversity is often presented through the severall humors of the state and those of our religion and faction that no instructions can be sufficient for such negotiationes, but much must be leaft in trust to the discretion, judgment and diligence of the incumbent. I speake not this for my owne glory, I having bene restrayned, and therefore deserved meanly; but to forwarne one the behalfe of others that there may be more scope allowed them to deale in as occasion shall require. Breefly, this rule delivered by his Excellency was the card and compasse by which I sailed to make profit of all humors and by all meanes to advance the state of the Romish faith and the Spanish faction together upon all advantages, either of oaths or the breach of them, for this is an old observation, but true, that for our piety to Rome His Holines did not onely give but blesse us in the conquest of the Newe World, and thus in our pyous perseverance we hope still to be conquerours of the Old, and to this end, wheras His Excellency in his excellent discourse, seemes to extend our outward [forces and private armes onely against the heretiques].” 24.

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[c. 1620]—Recipe for prevention of danger from coal damp.

¹ *reining*, MS.

“ *For the dampe.*

Take a bushell of unslaict lyme, and lett hyme send yt downe and sett yt in the places as neare as the workmen wyll, and let yt contenewally remayne tell suche tyme as the moystnes of the dampe begyne to sleake the lyme, and then let hyme renewe yt contenewally. Yt wyll all somer last. Let them take hyd that the do not let any watter come to yt. Yf the dampe be very stronge, let hyme put to the lyme ijd. of camphyre ; yt wyll drawe yt awaye the soner.

Wyllyam Poole.” 24.

1627-8.—Papers concerning musters in co. Nottingham. 177.

1640.—“ Newes and relation after the Scottyshe and Englysh skirmyshe neare Newcastle uppon Tyne.

On Fryday, the 28th of Awgust, 1640, the Scottes army encamped at a litell vyllage called Newborne uppon the ryver of Tyne sixe myles from Newcastle. My Lord Conwaye marched out of Newcastle with 3,000 foote and 2,000 horse that day in the afternoone ; he caused 2 workes to be made which weare to keepe the Scottes from foordynge over the ryver. Aboute 4 a'clocke in the afternoone, after some fewe muskettes shott, the Scottes¹ mownted some ordinance on the steeple of the church of that vyllage, which commaunded our workes and battered them soe muche that they that weare in one of them fled and forsooke the worke ; the other stayed makynge a lyttle resistance, but not long after lykwyse fled.

Theare army consists of 2,300 foote and 4,000 horse. After this there horse would have foorded over, but one Captayne George Vane chardged them with his troope, which behaved themselves soe bravely that he caused them to retyre, his owne horse beynge kylled under hym, and came of with much honor. But the Scottes attempted the passage the second tyme and kylled 300 of our foote ymmediately. Our commaunder of horse chardged them bravely, but there troopes for the most parte ran awaye. Those persons of quallytye of our syde that are myssinge are these : Collonell Willmott, the Lord Wylmottes only sonne, whoe was seene to kyll 3 men with his owne handes after he had received a pistoll shott in his face ; he chardged them alone where his troope was left ingaged that it is conceaved that he is rather slayne then taken ; Sir John Dygby and Serjant-Major Danyell Oneale weare seene to chardge the enemy and weare lykewyse lost, it is uncerteyne whether these are taken or sleyne ; Mr. Charles Porter was seene [to] fall dead from his horse, he was Cornett to my Lord Newport ; Mr. Rychard Nevell chardged the troope which was led by Wyllyam Dougles, Shreife of Tividale, and in the heade of h[is] troope valiantly fyghtyng with hym hand to hand slewe hym. Of

¹ “ The Scottes ” written twice.

o . . . wee doe not heare of any other persons of noate that are wantynge.

But it is soe that there are more persons of quallyty lost on thea[re syde] then of ours. Had our men followed there leaders and not fled, they h[ad] gotten the honour of the victoryc. My Lord Conwey retyred t[hat] nyght with twoe thowsand to Newcastle.

Theare came a post this mornynge that brynges word that they have taken Newcastle, which, if we could have hyndred there passage over the ryver, they could never have don, it being so well fortified on that syde, and so easy to be taken on this side." 24.

1649-50.—Acquittance of the Pipe of Francis Willoughby, knt., as Sheriff of Warwick, and papers relating to his shrievalty. 271.

1664, January 12.—Diploma of the matriculation of Francis Willoughby in the University of Padua. Endorsed: "My admission into the University of Padoa." 24.

1664-5, February 7.—Articles of agreement between Sir Francis Wiloughbie, knt., and Francis Wiloughbie, esquire, on the one part, and William Le Hunt, esquire, on the other, for the sale by the said William to them of Middleton New Park, co. Warwick, in consideration of the sum of 4,000*l.* 236.

1666[-7], March 3.—"A poule bill for the towne of Wollaton, etc." The total is 7*l.* 17*s.* 0*d.* at 1*s.* a head, except "Mr. John Reanor, gent.," who is assessed at 1*l.*, Henry Raworth at 5*s.*, Joseph Walker at 3*s.*, and Edward Dovy at 4*s.*, in addition to the assessments for their wives and children. "Assessores: Henry Raworth his marke; Huntingdon Shawe,¹ (H) his marke, Henry (A) Archer." The latter evidently signed with the mark A. Endorsed with receipt, dated 13 April, 1667, by John Boawre, head collector. 24.

1670-1.—Acquittance of the Pipe of Francis Willoughby, esquire, as sheriff of Warwick. 271.

1703, July 14.—Copy of letter of PANHEKOE, Sachem of the Mohegan Indians, to NICHOLAS HALLAM.

"Letter of instruction from Panhekoe, Lachem (*sic*) of the Mohegan Indians, in New England, dated the 14th July, 1703.

¹ Well-known as the maker of the beautiful wrought iron gate-screens at Hampton Court Palace.

To Mr. Nicholas Hallam, of Connecticut (*sic*), in the Indian language.

The interpretation is as follows :

‘My loving neighbour, Mr. Nicholas Hallam.

‘I am inform’d you are bound for Old England. Lett me request you to make me and my condition known to the Great Q. Anne and to her noble Council : first of our hereditary right to the soyll and royalltys of our dominion and territorys before the English came into the country, inso-much that all due loyallty and obedience by our people is not conferr’d on us by the English, but by the Gods, who gave us a token as an earnest and pledge of our happy reign here, and also (as our old seers construed) a more ample reign in the othe[r] region : wherefore the Gods had sent to that royall family one of their own tobacco pipes, which strange wonderment was taken upon the beach at Seabrook or thereabouts, it being like ivory with two stemms and the boll in the middle. This strange pipe, not made by man, is kept choicer than gold from generation to generation. It animates all the royall society with a full perswasion that the said token is sufficient evidence that they shall sitt amongst the Gods in the Long Huntinghouse and there smoak tobacco, as the highest point of honor and dignity, and where there will be great feasting of fatt bear, deer, and moose, all joy and myrth to wellcom their entertainment, etc. Also in the reign of King Charles the Second of Blessed memory, his Majesty sent us a token, vizt., a bible and a sword, which present we thankfully accepted and keep them in the Treasury as choice as we do the aforesaid God’s Pipe, hoping it may be a safeguard and a shield to defend us, and we in process of time may reap great benefitt thereby, and attain to the knowledg of the true and living God. But of late I meet with great descouragements and know not what will become of our people by reason of oppression. The Court of Hertford, I understand, have given all my planting and hunting land away to Colchester and to New London ; so that if I obtained not relief from the Great Queen’s Majesty, my people will be in temptation to scatter from me and flee to the eastward Indians, the French’s friends, and the English’s enimys. Pray, Sir, remember my love and service to ye Great Queen. Anne and he[r] noble Council.

July 14, 1703.

Panhekoe [*drawing of crested bird*] his marck.’

The true interpretation of Panhekoe’s grievance and narration, by me John Stanton, Interpreter Generall.”

MANUSCRIPT BOOKS.

The oldest MSS. in the collection are some fragments of what must have been a magnificent MS. of the Latin bible (? in Jerome's version). The existing leaves are written in bold uncials of the latter part of the seventh or early part of the eighth century, in double columns, each column measuring $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches by $14\frac{1}{4}$ inches, with very wide margins, written forty-four lines to a column. They are rubricated in red, and certain verses are also written in that colour. The text is written stichometrically. The leaves bear in size, handwriting and arrangement a strong resemblance to the famous Codex Amiatinus of the Latin bible (*Palaeographical Society*, Series II, plate 65), which was intended for presentation to the pope by Ceolfred, abbot of Jarrow, 690-716. (See, however, the appendix to this report.)

The leaves have been used to form covers to chartularies of the various Willoughby estates, which were drawn up in the early part of the sixteenth century, but which were bound at a later time, as the same binding occurs in the Cossal volume, which includes deeds of the reign of Edward VI. in the same hand as the rest of the volume.

As the other fragments of an early MS. that were also used for binding purposes undoubtedly came from Worcester cathedral, as shown in the next notice, it is probable that these fragments also came from there. It is worthy of note that the monastery of Worcester possessed a Latin bible (*bibliotheca*) that had been given to it by King Offa, of which we possess a description in a forged or interpolated Worcester charter assigned to him.¹ A more trustworthy description of this bible of Offa is preserved in a letter of Senatus, prior of Worcester, 1189-1196², of which an autograph copy is preserved at Cambridge.³ The prior collated this bible, which, he states, was written at Rome, but such quotations as he gives are derived from the New Testament, whereas the Wollaton fragments are portions of the Old Testament. The Countess Godiva also gave a *bibliotheca*, divided into two parts, to the monks of Worcester.⁴

The following are the volumes in which these leaves are preserved :

Chartulary of Willoughby lands in Middleton, Cossington, and Wigtoft, bound in leaves containing (pp. 1, 2) the Book of Kings, IV, i, 6 to end, ii, 1 to 16; and (pp. 3, 4) III, xxii, 24 to end, and IV, i to 6. 204 (279).

Chartulary of Willoughby lands in Lenton, Radford, Gunthorp, Lowdham, and Sutton (Passeys), containing Kings

¹ Birch, *Cartularium Saxonicum*, i, p. 328; Heming, *Chartularium Ecclesiae Wigorniensis*, ed. Hearne, p. 95.

² Printed in Martène and Durand, *Thesaurus Novorum Anecdotorum*, i, p. 486, from a MS. of Conches, in Normandy.

³ MS. C.C.C. 48, noticed in *Catalogue of MSS. preserved in the Chapter Library of Worcester Cathedral*, by J. K. Floyer and Sidney G. Hamilton, p. 165 (Worcestershire Historical Society, 1906).

⁴ Heming, p. 262.

IV, ii, 16 to iii, 25. Pages 3, 4 contain Kings, III, xxi, 17 to xxii, 24. 204 (283).

Chartulary of Willoughby lands in Sutton Passeys and Wollaton, bound in stamped leather. The inside covers consist of leaves of the bible, one side of each being pasted to the cover. There is also an unpasted leaf of the bible at each end. The first cover contains Kings, IV, xvi, 20 to xvii, 15. The inside unpasted leaf contains Kings IV, xv, 12 to xvi, 6. The unpasted inside at the end contains Kings IV, xxi, 6 to xxii, 13. The end-cover is IV., xviii., 36 to xix., 31. Enclosed in this volume is a letter, dated Matlock, 1 September, 1803, from Adam Wolley, the Derbyshire antiquary, addressed to "Thomas Webb Edge, esq., Strelley, Notts, per favor of M. Sanders," requesting him to use his influence with Lord Middleton to obtain for the writer the loan for a few weeks of "the register book of Lenton Priory, which I understand is in the possession of Lord Middleton." There is no register of lands of Lenton priory among Lord Middleton's papers, and it would seem that the register of Willoughby estates in Lenton had been mistaken for a priory register, which was then identified with the present volume, as proved by the insertion into it of Wooley's letter. 204.

Chartulary of Willoughby lands in Cossal and Trowell. The covers contain (pp. 1, 2) Kings IV, ix, 26 to x, 19, and (pp. 3, 4) Kings, IV, viii, 27 to ix, 25. 204 (280).

The next most ancient MS. in the collection undoubtedly came from the monastery of Worcester, and was intended for similar purposes to which the preceding leaves of parchment were applied. The "Colpyt Booke from the Natyvytie of Our Lorde *in anno regni Regis Edwardi Sexti secundo*," comprising a few sheets of foolscap, was found to have as guards to prevent the threads cutting through the paper two narrow strips of parchment, measuring 15 inches by $\frac{5}{8}$ of an inch, bearing Anglo-Saxon writing of about the year 1000. Eventually a single leaf, cut in two across the middle and bearing traces of its being used as a cover, of the same MS. was found in bundle 168. It was probably rescued by Francis Willoughby, the naturalist, for in his notebook he refers to grants of Kings Offa and Canulfus to monasteries,¹ a description evidently based upon this leaf. He has written upon one half of the leaf "Grants from Saxon Kings," and upon the other "Grants from Offa, etc." The leaf, which measures $17\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length by 12 inches in breadth, the latter having been cut down, was evidently cut in two and used as book covers, before it came to the hands of this great scholar. The leaf and strips are written in a bold Worcester hand

¹ See p. 269, below. The reference is at p. 5: "*v[ide]* among the settlements old grants from Saxon kings. Offa, Canulfus, Kings of Mercia, etc., to monasteries."

of the latter part of the tenth or early part of the eleventh century. The leaf gives copies of seven charters relating to the bishop and monastery of Worcester, and the strips form portions of three demises by Oswald, bishop of Worcester from 961 until his death in 992, who held also the archbishopric of York from 972. The leaf and strips formed part of a Worcester chartulary, which was probably commenced by his orders, for he seems to have introduced continental usages either in tenure or in legal documents.¹ This Worcester chartulary, whether due to Oswald or not, is by far the earliest English chartulary of which we have any trace, and is therefore of considerable interest.

From the date of the paper book to which the strips were attached, it would seem that part of this ancient chartulary had come into the hands of the Willoughby family, to be used for the purposes of brown paper, soon after the dissolution of Worcester priory, on 18 January, 1540, when the monks were ejected (*Monasticon*, i, p. 581a). Four leaves of this chartulary fortunately came at a later time into the hands of Sir Robert Cotton, and were bound up by him in Nero E. 1, part 2, folios 181 to 184, which are now preserved among his MSS. at the British Museum. Cotton's leaves have been cut down $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length and 1 inch in breadth. The Wollaton leaf came originally in the chartulary between folios 182 and 183 of the Nero MS., and accordingly the beginning of No. VI. and the end of No. VII. in the following texts have been supplied from the latter MS. The texts are here printed in chronological order, but in the Wollaton leaf they follow in this order: VI, I, II, V, IV, III, VII. It is noticeable that the order of documents in this chartulary agrees with that followed in the later and better known Worcester collection, which was compiled by the monk Heming by order of Bishop Wulfstan, who died in 1095. The texts of the charters given below have been collated with the MS. of Heming (Cotton. Tiberius A. 13). The latest text in Nero E. 1 in the original hand is a demise for three lives by King Æthelred of land "æt Ofre" to the episcopal see at Dewies Stow (St. Davids), dated 1005, which does not appear in Heming and has been overlooked by Kemble. It is, however, printed by Hearne at the end of his edition of Heming, p. 479, followed by the list of benefactors to Worcester drawn up in Anglo-Saxon that follows Æthelred's demise in the Nero MS. (fo. 183). If this demise was the latest entry in the original hand, as seems probable from the great space left blank and then filled up by the Anglo-Saxon list, it would seem that the chartulary was completed in the year 1005. The collations with Heming shew that his texts are frequently longer than those in the earlier chartulary, and that he gives immunity clauses that

¹ See Maitland, *Domesday and Beyond*, p. 312. Cf. p. 305 for Oswald's care to record his demises.

do not occur in it. As the text of the original of No. 1 has come down to us, and as it agrees with Heming against the older chartulary, it is clear that the differences between the texts of the latter and of Heming are due to abbreviation in the earlier chartulary and not to expansions by Heming. It was probably the omission of the immunity clauses that decided Bishop Wulfstan to order the compilation of a new chartulary within a century or less of the completion of this earlier one. The collations also show that Heming adhered much more closely to the orthography of the Anglo-Saxon words in the original texts than did the compilers of the earlier chartulary, and that he has preserved many archaic and dialectal forms that were modernised in the work of his predecessor. The latter omitted the crosses and Christian monogram (the chrismon) at the commencement of the texts, but they are reproduced by Heming. In the case of the strips the missing part of the texts as printed below have been supplied from Heming's texts.

I.

[691-2.]—Grant by Æþelred, King of Mercia, to Otffor,¹ bishop [of Worcester], of the estate called Flædanburh (Fladbury, co. Worcester), consisting of forty-four hides.

This charter has been printed by Smith in the appendix to his edition of Beda's *Historia Ecclesiastica*, Cambridge, 1722, p. 764, from the original, which, he states, was lately in the possession of Lord Somers, in whose collection it was seen by Wanley, *Catalogus*, printed in Hickes, *Thesaurus Linguarum Septentrionalium*, iii, p. 301, no. 1 (published in 1705). It was at Worcester when Dugdale catalogued the early charters in 1643 (*Ibid*, p. 299, no. 3). It has been printed from Smith's text and the entry in Heming's Worcester chartulary by Hearne in his edition of this chartulary, Oxford, 1723, p. 21, by Kemble, *Codex Diplomaticus Aevi Saxonici*, i, p. 36, no. 33 (cf. Haddan and Stubbs, *Councils*, iii, p. 280), and Birch, *Cartularium Saxonicum*, i, p. 110, no. 76.

FLÆDAN BYRIG.

Apostolus Paulus de extremo iudicio Domini manifestissime loquens ita refert: 'Omnes enim stabimus ante tribunal Christi, ut recipiat unus quisque prout gessit, sive bonum, sive malum.'²

¹ Otffor was consecrated bishop of Worcester in 691 or 692 (Beda, *Hist. Eccl.* iv., c. 23). According to Florence of Worcester he was consecrated in 691 (following Beda) and died in 692.

² Smith and Heming here add:—'Quid autem sit, quod apostolus pro meritis suis quosque percepturos adfirmat, Ipse Dominus in euangelio (*sic*) suo manifestat, dicens: 'Ibant impii in supplicium æternum, justi autem in vitam æternam.' Hoc sane tremendum ac terribile omnipotentis Domini iudicium ego Aethilred, Christo largiente, Rex, tota cordis formidine," etc., as above.

Qua propter ego Æpelred, Christo largiente, Rex totius cordis formidine sine cessatione perhorresco,¹ ut ibidem veniam merear per Dominum adipisci, pro absolutione criminum² meorum vel conjugis³ mee Osþryþe,⁴ terram, que dicitur 'Flædanburh'⁵ .XL. III^{or} cas[satas]⁶ Offforo episcopo in possessionem tradidi⁷ sempiternam.

Si quis autem pertinacium contra hanc donationem fractoris animo inire⁸ temptaverit, eamque infringerit,⁹ sciat se sub tremendo examine penas debitas luiturum.

✠ Ego Æpelræd,¹⁰ propriam donationem corroborans, titulo sancte crucis subseripsi.

✠ ¹¹ Ego Torhtwald comes.	✠ Ego Cille.
✠ Ego Ecgfrið. ¹²	✠ Ego Guthlac. ¹³
✠ Ego Folchere.	✠ Ego Hædda ¹⁴ episcopus.
✠ Ego Eadwald.	✠ Ego Osfrið.
✠ Ego Tuddul.	✠ Ego Sigewald.
✠ Ego Berhtred. ¹⁵	✠ Ego Offfor episcopus donationem, quam a rege accepi, propria manu subnoto. ¹⁶

II.

[c. 693-717].—Copy of endorsement on the preceding charter by Ecgwine, bishop [of Worcester], whereby he grants the monastery of Flædanburh (Fladbury) to Adelhard,¹⁷ his prince, in exchange for twenty hides at Strætford (Stratford-on-Avon, co. Warwick).

This is printed as above by Smith, p. 765, and from Heming by Dugdale, *Monasticon*, ed. 1, i, p. 121a, second ed. i, p. 585b, Hearne, p. 23 (in part only), Kemble, p. 37, no. 33, Birch, i, p. 111, no. 76.

¹ Smith and Heming here add: "quapropter ut ibidem sub presentia [almi iudicis omitted in Heming] veniam merear adipisci pro absolutione," etc., as above.

² Smith and Heming add *vel*.

³ Smith and Heming add *quondam*.

⁴ *Osþryþe*, Heming.

⁵ *Flædan-*, Smith and Heming.

⁶ *cassatorum capacem*, Smith and Heming.

⁷ Smith and Heming have here in addition: "ut quemadmodum primitus tradita fuerat, rursus per illius diligentiam monachorum in ea sub abbate degentium honestissima conversatio recuperetur" [*conversatio recuperetur*, Heming.]

⁸ *venire*, Smith and Heming.

⁹ *infringere conatus sit*, Smith and Heming.

¹⁰ *Æðlred*, Smith; *Æðelred*, Heming.

¹¹ The witnesses' names are arranged differently in Smith and Heming. Smith adds *consensi et subscripsi* after each witness's name; Heming gives *consensi* only.

¹² *Ecfrið*, Smith and Heming.

¹³ *Guthlac*, Smith and Heming.

¹⁴ *Hæadda*, Smith; *Headda*, Heming.

¹⁵ *Berhtred*, Smith; *Berehtred*, Heming.

¹⁶ *confirmans subnotavi*, Smith, Heming.

¹⁷ Æthelheard, son of Oshere, King of the Hwiccas (*Cart. Sax.* i, p. 120, no. 85; cf. 193, a spurious Evesham charter).

FLÆDAN BYRIG.

Reverentissime¹ memorie pontificis Otfori ego Ecgwine,² Deo dispensante, successor³ existo. Monasterium autem, cui nomen est 'Flædanburh,'⁴ quod in hac eadem kartula⁵ ex altera ejus parte eidem predicto predecessori meo subscriptione regali traditum asseratur, huic venerabili nostro secundum seculum principi Adelhardo,⁶ quantum id a me fieri potest, in possessionem⁷ concedo, ea tamen condicione, ut semper ibi⁸ cenobialis vite statuta servantur. Pro recomparatione vero hujus nostrę donationis in loco qui dicitur⁹ *æt Strætforde*¹⁰ .xx. cas[satarum]¹¹ terram¹² in jus ecclesiasticum ab eo¹³ accepi. Sciendum tamen, me rationabili quadam causa compulsus id voluisse facere, ut ei .XLIII. man[entium]¹⁴ terram pro .xx. man[entium]¹⁵ darem, id est ea condicione, ut, post diem ejus, terra ista sine contradictione alicujus ad Wigornensem¹⁶ ecclesiam in jus episcopali sedi sit donata mihi et¹⁷ antecessori meo Otforo¹⁷ in elemosinam sempiternam.

Pax servantibus et confirmantibus;¹⁸ minuentibus vero vel contradicentibus dispersio veniat¹⁹ sempiterna!

✠ Æþelric. Æþelward.²⁰ Æþelbriht.²¹ Omuling.²² abbas. Hi sunt confirmatores et testes hujusce donationis.²³

III.

780.—Grant by Offa, King of Mercia, to the monastery at Breodun (Bredon, co. Worcester) of thirty-five hides in Teotingtun (Teddington, co. Worcester) near the River Cærent (Carant Brook, co. Gloucester), Wasseburne (Washbourne, co. Gloucester), at Coddesswællan in Mons Hwiccorum, and at Norðtun by the River Tyrl (the Tirl Brook, co. Gloucester).

¹ Smith and Heming add *semper*.

² *Ecgwine*, Smith; *Ecwine*, Heming.

³ *in episcopatum*, add. Smith; *in episcopatu*, Heming.

⁴ *Flædan-*, Smith, Heming.

⁵ *cartula*, Smith, Heming.

⁶ *Æþhilhaeardae*, Smith; *Æþelhearde*, Heming.

⁷ *possiōne* (sic), Heming.

⁸ *inibi*, Smith; *inhibi*, Heming.

⁹ *qui dicitur*] *cujus nomen est*, Smith; *cui nomen est*, Heming.

¹⁰ *Strætfordae*, Smith; *Strætforda*, Heming.

¹¹ *cassatorum*, Smith, Heming.

¹² Smith, Heming add *ab eo*.

¹³ *ab eo*] omitted Smith, Heming (see preceding note).

¹⁴ *manentium*, in full, Smith, Heming.

¹⁵ *manentis* (sic), Heming.

¹⁶ *Uuegernensem*, Smith; *Uueogernensem*, Heming.

¹⁷⁻¹⁷ *illi Otforo* (que Smith) *meo antecessori*, Smith, Heming.

¹⁸ *confirmantibus atque servantibus*, Smith, Heming.

¹⁹ *perveniat*, Smith, Heming.

²⁰ *Æ eluueard*, Smith; *Æþelweard*, Heming.

²¹ *Æ elberht*, Smith; *Æþelberht*, Heming.

²² *Omulinge*, Smith, Heming.

²³ *hujusce donationis*] omitted, Smith, Heming.

This charter has been printed from Heming's chartulary by Dugdale, *Monasticon Anglicanum*, first ed. i, p. 122b, second edition, i, p. 586, Hearne, pp. 26 (in part), 456, Kemble, i, p. 169, no. 140, Birch, i, p. 329.

BREODUN.

In nomine omnipotentis Dei et Domini nostri Jesu Christi, Qui vivit et regnat in secula¹!

Ego Offa,² Rex Merc[ensium] simulque in circuitu nationum,³ pro meę salute perpetua animę do terram³ septies quinos tributariorum⁴ continentem ad monasterium, quod nominatur 'Breodun' in provincia Hwiccorum ad ecclesiam Beati Petri principis⁵ Apostolorum, quę ibidem⁶ sita est, quam Eanulfus,⁷ avus meus, erexit ad laudem⁸ Dei omnipotentis⁹ in secula. Est autem rus predictum¹⁰ in III^{or} villulas¹¹ separatum, hoc est Teotingtun,¹² qui situs est juxta fluvium,¹³ quod (*sic*) vocatur¹⁴ 'Cærent,' v. manent[ium]; huic adjaacet viculus, qui nominatur 'æt Wasseburne,'¹⁵ qui habet ab oriente vadum, quod¹⁶ dicitur 'æt¹⁷ Geolwanforde,'¹⁸ et ab occidente fontanum, qui¹⁹ nominatur 'Gytingbroc,' x. cass[atorum]; tertius viculus est in monte qui dicitur²⁰ 'Mons Huiccorum' æt Codes wellan²¹ eque²² mansiones²³; ²⁴quartus viculus²⁵ est Norðtun x. manentium juxta rivulum, qui²⁶ muncupatur 'Tyril.' Ista ergo consuetudine²⁷ firmiter atque stabiliter composita,²⁸ quatinus ad

¹ Amen add. Hem.

² Dei gratia concedente add. Hem.

³⁻³ For this Hem. reads: "sciens certe, quod cuncta que humanis conspiciuntur oculis transitoria esse, et que conspici non possunt aeterna fieri, et quod cum his transitoriis aeterna mercari posse, ideoque pro mea meorumque propinquoque perpetua animae salute dabo terram."

⁴ jugera, add. Hem.

⁵ principe (*sic*), Hem.

⁶ in loco, add. Hem.

⁷ Eanulfus, Hem.

⁸ et gloriam, Hem.

⁹ viventis, Hem.

¹⁰ praedictus, Hem.

¹¹ villulis, Hem.

¹² Altered from 'Tidingtun.' Teotingtun, Hem.

¹³ rivulum, Hem.

¹⁴ nuncupatur, Hem.

¹⁵ Wasseburnan, Hem.

¹⁶ qui, Hem.

¹⁷ Om. Hem.

¹⁸ Geolwaford, Hem.

¹⁹ quod, Hem.

²⁰ quem nominant incola (*sic*), Hem.

²¹ wellan, Hem. Codeswelle is also mentioned in 855 (*Cart. Sax.*, ii, p. 92, where it is impossibly identified with Codsall, co. Stafford).

²² X. add. Hem.

²³ mansionum, Hem.

²⁴ et add. Hem.

²⁵ hoc add. Hem.

²⁶ quod, Hem.

²⁷ conditione, Hem.

²⁸ composita, Hem.

monasterium prenominatum¹ terra illa et ad prefatam ecclesiam Sancti Petri in jus ecclesiasticę libertatis per dono.² Libera³ sit ab omni exactione regum et principum,⁴ tam in agrorum donationibus vel terrarum positionibus, in Omnipotentis Dei nomine precipimus, quamdiu⁵ fides Christiana in Britannia perdurat sub dominio ac potestate parentelę⁶ meę atque cognationi rite per successiones heredum juste succedentium permaneat in eternum.

Conscripta est⁷ haec donat[io] telluris a me et a⁸ principibus meis, quorum infra signa et nomina notantur⁹ *æt* Brægentforda,¹⁰ anno Dominicę Incarnationis¹¹ .DCC.^o LXXX.^o, indictione .III., die¹² passionis Thebe.¹²

✠ Ego Offa¹³ Rex hoc meum¹⁴ donum¹⁵ signo¹⁶ crucis Christi¹⁷ munio.

✠ Ego Kyneðryð,¹⁸ Dei gratia, Regina Mercensium¹⁹ consensi.

✠ Ego Iohanbertus archiepiscopus²⁰ ✠ Ego Eadberhtus episcopus²⁰

✠ Ego Ceolwulfus episcopus.²¹ ✠ Ego Tilhere²² episcopus²³

✠ Signum manus Brordan principis. ✠ Signum²⁴ Berhtwudi²⁵ ducis.

✠ Signum²⁴ Eadboldi²⁶ principis. ✠ Signum²⁴ Eadboldi²⁶ ducis.

IV.

[798–821].—Grant by Cenulf, King of Mercia, to Bishop Deneberht and the monastery at Worcester of thirty hides in Flædanburh (Fladbury, co. Worcester).

This charter has been printed from Heming by Hearne, p. 25, Kemble, i, p. 271, no. 215, and Birch, i, p. 507, no. 368.

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- 1 *antenominatum*, Hem.
 2 *perdonabo*, Hem.
 3 *liberata*, Hem.
 4 *ac subditorum ipsorum*, add. Hem.
 5 *tamdiu*, Hem.
 6 *parentillę*, Hem.
 7 *autem* add. Hem.
 8 *ab episcopo ac principibus*, Hem.
 9 *adnotabo*, Hem.
 10 Brentford, co. Middlesex.
 11 *Christi*, add. Hem.
 12-12 *die, quo passio Sancti Mauricii a fidelibus celebrat[ur]*, first minim of u being still legible], Hem.
 13 *Dei dono*, add. Hem.
 14 *meam*, Hem.
 15 *donationem*, Hem.
 16 *sancte*, add. Hem.
 17 Hem. omits.
 18 *Cyne-*, Hem.
 19 *huic donationi regis*, add. Hem.
 20 *cs'* (= *consensi*) add. H.
 21 *consensi*, Hem.
 22 *Tilherus*, Hem.
 23 *cons* (= *consensi*), add. Hem.
 24 *manus*, add. Hem.
 25 *Berhtwudi*, Hem.
 26 *Eadbaldi*, Hem.

FLEDEBYRIG.

Ego etiam Cenulf¹ rex Merc[iorum] eodem honorabili episcopo Deneberhto et ejus familię Weogornensis² ecclesię post vitae³ meę [spatium] do⁴ terram .xxx. tributariorem in loco, qui vocatur 'Flædan burh,'⁵ propter traditionem istius prenominatę terrę, ut perpetualiter perfruantur⁶ et dimidiam partem hujus agri possessionis precipio ut cum illo ad predictam ecclesiam reddatur, que illis diebus illic æt Flædanburh⁷ (*sic*) habeatur. Libero⁸ quoque terram istam sub testimonio illorum, quorum nomina prescripta liquescunt, ab omnibus secularibus rebus,⁹ duris ac levibus,¹⁰ exceptis¹¹ arcis et pontis constructione et expeditione et singulare pretium foras adversum aliud, ad penam vero neque quadrantem¹² foras resolvat.

Si quis autem hoc servare vel annuere¹³ voluerit, sit benedictus a Deo cęli omnium possessori. Si vero—quod non optamus—aliquis¹⁴ hoc in aliquo frangere vel minuere temptaverit, sciat se alienatum¹⁵ a Deo in die magno, nisi ante hic correctus cum satisfactione emendaverit¹⁶ et ad dignam penitentiam venerit.

V.

814, December 26.—Grant by Coenwulf, King of Mercia, to (Bishop) Deneberht and the monastery at Worcester of the *pastus* of twelve men pertaining to that city, in consideration of their grant to him of the monastery known as Bitueonæum and of ten hides on the west of the River Severn.

Printed from Heming's chartulary by Hearne, p. 23, Kemble, i., p. 256, no. 203, Birch, i, p. 488, no. 350.

CENULFES FREOLS.

In nomine Dei excelsi, Qui est spes omnium finium terre et in mari longe!

Ego Coenulf¹⁷ ejus melliflua gratia largiente rex Merc[iorum], cum consilio et consensu optimatum meorum, quorum infra caraxata sunt vocabula, meo fideli¹⁸ Deneberto¹⁹ atque ejus

¹ Altered from Conulf (see page 205, note 23); *Coenuulf*, Hem.

² *Uueogernensis*, Hem.

³ Hem. omits.

⁴ *post spatium dierum meorum dabo*, Hem.

⁵ *Flædanburh*, Hem.

⁶ Hem. adds: 'in evum.'

⁷ *æt Flædanbyrig*, Hem.

⁸ *liberabo*, Hem.

⁹ *seculariarum rerum honeribus*, Hem.

¹⁰ *leviis*, Hem.

¹¹ Hem. adds: 'his.'

¹² Hem. adds: 'minutam.'

¹³ *adnuere*, Hem.

¹⁴ In Hem. *aliquis* follows *vero*.

¹⁵ *anathematum*, Hem.

¹⁶ Hem. ends here.

¹⁷ *Coenuulf*, Hem.

¹⁸ Hem. adds: 'atque venerabili episcopo.'

¹⁹ *Deneberhto*, Hem.

familię, que sita est in Wigornensi¹ civitate, illorum xii. hominum pastum, qui rite ad illam pertinent civitatem² et ad alia que sub ejus sunt potestate monasteria constituta liberaliter³ concedo, quia ille episcopus et ejus familia⁴ mihi in perpetuam hereditatem .xiii. man[entes] tradiderunt,⁵ monasterium quod vocatur⁶ 'Bitueonæum'⁷ .iii. man[entes] et in occidentali plaga fluminis Sæbrine⁸ .x., et sic firmam pacem atque placationem inter nos omnium undique discussis conventuorum obstaculis constituti sumus.

Acta est⁹ hæc donatio anno dominicę¹⁰ Incarnationis¹⁰ DCCC.⁰ .XIII., indictione .vii., in vico¹¹ qui dicitur 'Tomweorðin',¹² die .vii. Kal. Jan[uarii], regni autem nostri a Deo concessi .x^oviii^o.¹³

Si quis¹⁴ hanc nostram¹⁵ donationem¹⁵ et¹⁵ libertatem¹⁶ servare et¹⁷ augere voluerit, augeat Dominus¹⁸ omnipotens dies suos¹⁹ hic et in eternum.²⁰ Si quis autem hoc in aliquo frangere vel minuere temptaverit, sciat se separatum²¹ a Deo et ab¹⁸ omnibus sanctis in die tremendi examinis, nisi ante hic cum satisfactione emendaverit.

✠ Hanc libertatem²² ego Cenulf²³ rex Merc[iorum] cruce Christi signo.

✠ Ego Wlfred²⁴ archiepiscopus.²⁵ ✠ Ego Ælfþryð regina.²⁶

✠ Ego²⁷ Aldulf episcopus. ✠ Ego Werenberht episcopus²⁸

✠ Ego Deneberht episcopus.²⁸ ✠ Ego Wulfheard episcopus²⁹

¹ *Weogernensi*, Hem.

² *civitatem pertinent*, Hem.

³ Hem. adds: 'perenne.'

⁴ Hem. adds: 'civitat[is] Uueogernensis.'

⁵ Hem. adds: 'hoc est.'

⁶ *nominatur*, Hem.

⁷ *Bituineum*, Hem.

⁸ *Sabrine*, Hem.

⁹ Hem. adds: 'autem.'

¹⁰ Hem. omits.

¹¹ Hem. adds: 'celeberrimo.'

¹² *Tomoworðig*, Hem.

¹³ Hem. adds: 'anno.'

¹⁴ Hem. adds: 'autem.'

¹⁵ Hem. omits.

¹⁶ Hem. adds: 'nostram.'

¹⁷ *vel*, Hem.

¹⁸ Hem. omits.

¹⁹ *suas*, Hem.

²⁰ *sempiternum*, Hem.

²¹ Hem. adds: 'alienatum atque anathematatum atque.'

²² *libertatis donationem dominicę Incarnationis anno [blank] ✠ Ego Coenulf rex Merciorum cum virtute sanctę crucis scribendo conroboravi*, Hem.

²³ In the MS. the *e* of this name has been altered from *o*. The scribe had, no doubt, the form *Coen-* before him, as at the beginning of the charter, which he started to copy and then changed the spelling into that current in his time, *i.e.*, *Cen*. Heming copies the older form correctly as *Coenulf*.

²⁴ *Uulfred*, Hem.

²⁵ *consensi*, add. Hem.

²⁶ *regine [sic] conroboravi (cr')*, Hem.

²⁷ *Ealdulf episcopus conroboravi et subscripsi (cr' æt st)*, Hem.

²⁸ *conroboravi (cr')*, add. Hem.

²⁹ *conr'*, altered from *cons'*, add. Hem.

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| ✕ Ego ¹ Heaberht dux. | ✕ Ego Beornoð dux. |
| ✕ Ego Dynna dux. | ✕ Ego Ceolberht dux. |
| ✕ Ego Mucel dux. | ✕ Ego Ceolfwulf ² (<i>sic</i>) consensi. ³ |

VI.

[821–823].—Account of the confirmation by Ceolulf, King of Mercia, of land at Intebeorgan (Inkberrow, co. Worcester) to the monastery [of Worcester], although desired by Wulfheard, in exchange for Bremesgraf (Bromsgrove, co. Worcester), endorsed on a charter of Bishop Deneberht witnessing that Inkberrow had been confirmed to Worcester in 803 by Wulfheard (*Cart. Sax.* i, p. 427, no. 308).

Printed by Hickes, i, p. 172, from original (his transcript is in Harl. MS. 4660, f. 7); the original was seen at Worcester in 1643 by Dugdale (Hickes, iii, p. 300, note 8). It was printed from Hickes in the *Monasticon*, second ed., i, p. 588a, and from Heming by Hearne, p. 21, and from Hearne, Hickes' transcript and Cott. Nero E 1, fo. 388b, (now 182d.), which preserves the first seventeen words (see p. 198, above), by Kemble, i, p. 222, no. 183, Birch, i, p. 428, no. 308, Earle, p. 69, and, with a translation, by Thorpe, *Diplomatarium Anglicum*, p. 47.

[BREMESGRAF.]

Ceolulf rex wilnade þæs landes æt BREMERGRAFAN (*sic*) to Heaberhte *biscope* *ond* to his hirede,⁴ *ond* þa sende| he his ærendgewrit⁵ to Wulfhearde⁶ to Intebeorgan,⁷ *ond* het⁸ þæt he come⁹ to him *ond* to þæm hirede.¹⁰ þa dyde¹¹ he swa. þa hig¹² him to spræcon se *biscop*¹³ *ond* his witan¹⁴ ymb þæt land, þæt he his him geuþe þæt he mihte¹⁵ þone freodom bigiten;¹⁶ *ond* þa wæs he eadmodlice¹⁷ ondetta¹⁸ þæt he swa¹⁹ wolde,²⁰ *ond* to him wilniende²¹ wæs þæt hi²² him funden swylce²³ londare swylce²³ he mid arum on beon mihte,²⁴ *ond* his wic

¹ *Heardberht conroboraui* (*cr'*), Hem.

² *Ceolfwulf*, Hem.

³ Hem. omits.

⁴ *higum*, Heming; blank in Hickes.

⁵ *erendwreocan*, Hickes; *ærendwreoc*, Heming.

⁶ *Wulfheard*, Hickes.

⁷ *Intanbeorgum*, Hickes, Heming.

⁸ *heht*, Hickes, Heming.

⁹ *cuome*, Hickes, Heming.

¹⁰ *higum*, Hickes, Heming.

¹¹ *dede*, Hickes.

¹² *hio*, Hickes; *heo*, Heming.

¹³ *biscep*, Heming.

¹⁴ *weotan*, Hickes, Heming.

¹⁵ *hio meahten*, Hickes; *heo mehtan*, Heming.

¹⁶ *begeotan*, Hickes, Heming.

¹⁷ *eapmodlic*, Hickes.

¹⁸ *ondeta*, Hickes, Heming.

¹⁹ *swæ*, Hickes.

²⁰ *wulde*, Hickes; *walde*, Heming.

²¹ *wilnende*, Hickes.

²² *þætte hio*, Hickes; *þætte heo*, Heming.

²³ *swelce*, Hickes.

²⁴ *maehhte*, Hickes; *mehte*, Heming.

þær¹ on byri² beon mihte³ on his life. þa sende he monn to þam⁴ arcebiscope⁵ ond to Eadberhte ond to Dynne, ond him heht sæcgan⁶ þæt he wilnade þæs landes⁷ æt Inte-beorgan.⁸ þa se arcebisce[o]p⁹ ond Eadberht hit wæron¹⁰ ærindiende¹¹ to kininge¹². þa com¹³ Dynne to gelærde þone king,¹⁴ þæt he his no geþæf wæs. þa wæs higen ond hlaforde lond unbefiten eghwæs,¹⁵ ond syþþan¹⁶ á oþ his daga ende, Gode gefultmiendum.¹⁷

VII.

840, March 28.—Record of grant by Berhtwulf, King of Mercia, to the monastery of Worcester of land in Stoltun (Stoulton, co. Worcester), Wassaburnan (Washbourne, co. Gloucester), Kineburhgingtun, Tateringtun, and Codeswælla, which he had previously taken away from them unjustly.

This is printed from Heming by Hearne, p. 26, Kemble, ii, p. 7, no. 245, Thorpe, *Diplomatarium*, p. 90, and Birch, ii, p. 4, no. 30, who notices that the last eight witnesses occur in Cott. MS. Nero E 1, fo. 183, which was in the original chartulary the leaf immediately following the Wollaton one here printed (see p. 198, above).

STOLTUN ond WASSABURNA ond
KINEBURH[GING]TUN ond
TATERINGTUN ond
CODESWÆL.

Alto et agio¹⁸ Deo nostro ac sancte ac¹⁹ gloriose Trinitati virtus, honor et potestas sit in evum²⁰!

Anno²¹ ab Incarnatione²² Domini nostri DCCC⁰. XL⁰., indictione .III., contigit,²³ quod Berhtulfus²⁴ Rex²⁵ tulit²⁶ a nobis²⁷

¹ þære, Hickes.

² byrig, Hickes, Heming.

³ beon mihte, om. Hickes.

⁴ þæm, Hickes, Heming.

⁵ arcebiscope, Hickes; arcebiscope, Heming.

⁶ sæcgan, Hickes.

⁷ londe, followed by blank, Hickes.

⁸ Intanbeorgan, Hickes, Heming.

⁹ arcebisceop, Hickes, Heming.

¹⁰ wæron, Heming.

¹¹ erndiende, Hickes.

¹² cyninge, Hickes, Heming.

¹³ cuom, Hickes, Heming.

¹⁴ cyning, Hickes, Heming.

¹⁵ æghwæs, Hickes.

¹⁶ siodðan, Hickes; scoððan, Heming.

¹⁷ The two last words are omitted by Hickes and Heming.

¹⁸ et Omnipotentissimo, add. Hem.

¹⁹ et, Hem.

²⁰ in perpetuum. Amen, Hem.

²¹ autem, add. Hem.

²² ejusdem Dei et Domini nostri Ihesu Christi, add. Hem.

²³ autem, add. Hem.

²⁴ Berhtwulf, Hem.

²⁵ Merc[ensium], add. Hem.

²⁶ tollerat, Hem.

²⁷ et tradidit, add. Hem.

terram nostram,¹ quę jure firma donatione concessa est¹ ad episcopalem sedem,² id est ad Weogornensem³ ecclesiam⁴,⁵ et suis hominibus donavit instigatione Dei inimicorum⁵: hoc est Stoltun, Uuassaburna,⁶ Kineburghingtun,⁷ Tateringtun,⁸ Codes wælla⁹.

¹⁰Heaberhtus tunc episcopus cum suis amicis in Pascha ad Tomweorðin perrexit,¹⁰ libertates et kartulas¹¹ prenominatarum¹² terrarum secum habens,¹³ et ibi coram Rege¹⁴ ejusque proceribus¹⁵ fuerunt allecta. Et ibi Merciorum optimates judicaverunt,¹⁶ ¹⁷quod injuste despoliati¹⁷ suo proprio essent,¹⁸ ¹⁹et terre illis redditę sunt. Iterum Rex cum venit ad Welesburnan, venit ad eum episcopus, et donavit ei .III^{or}. caballos bene electos,¹⁹ et unum anulum in .XXX.^{la} mancuis, et discum argenteum²⁰ in .III. libris²¹ et .II. alba cornua²² in .III.^{or} libris; ²³Reginę quoque²³ dedit .II.^c equos²⁴ ²⁵*ond twegen steapas on .II. pundum, ond .I. cuppan ofergylde on .II. pundum.*²⁵ ²⁶ Et Rex cum testimonio coram principibus, quorum nomina infra notantur, terras predictas episcopo in perpetuam libertatem concessit.²⁶

Si quis vero²⁷ hanc nostram elemosinam et libertatem ²⁸diabolica deceptus avaritia²⁸ frangere vel minuere temp-

¹⁻¹ quod recte ac jure sub proprio (sic) potestate ac libera possessione cum firma donatione tradita est et concessa et firmata, Hem.

² sedem episcopalem, Hem.

³ Uueogernensem, Hem.

⁴ aecclesiam, Hem.

⁵⁻⁵ rex praeatus suobus (sic) propriis hominibus condonavit, sicut se inimici homines docuerunt, Hem.

⁶ Uuassan-, Hem.

⁷ Cyneburghingtun, Hem.

⁸ Tateringtun, Hem.

⁹ Codeswelle, Hem.

¹⁰⁻¹⁰ Tunc perrexit ille episcopus Heaberht, cum suis secum senioribus, in Pascha, ad Tomeworðie et suas, Hem.

¹¹ cartulas, Hem.

¹² ante nominatarum (sic), Hem.

¹³ habentes, Hem.

¹⁴ ante regem, Hem.

¹⁵ proceres, Hem.

¹⁶ dejudicaverunt illi, Hem.

¹⁷⁻¹⁷ ut male ac injuste despoliati essent in, Hem.

¹⁸ Om. Hem.

¹⁹⁻¹⁹ Tunc illis terra sua reddita est cum pace, et simul etiam ille episcopus hanc donativum regem predonavit iterum in Welesburnan, hoc est III^{or} caballos bene electos, Hem.

²⁰ fabriactum, Hem.

²¹ tribus pundis, Hem.

²² albas cornas, Hem.

²³⁻²³ Et ille regina (sic), Hem.

²⁴ bonos, add. Hem.

²⁵⁻²⁵ et duas steapas in twæm pundum, et unam cuppam deauratam in duobus pundis, Hem.

²⁶⁻²⁶ Et tunc Rex cum testimonio has terras firmiter liberavit sibi in ævum coram suis archontis uniuscujusque necessitatis et sustulionis et illud etiam cum signaculo sanctae crucis Christi suo manu firmiter roborando scripsit et munivit, Hem.

²⁷ rex aut princeps, vel alicujus gradus homo, Hem.

²⁸⁻²⁸ per diabolicam avaritiam deceptus sit, ut, Hem.

taverit, sciat se segregatum¹ a consortio² omnium Christianorum et² sanctorum³ in die magni⁴ examinis⁵ ante tribunal Christi, nisi hic Deo et hominibus cum bona satisfactione emendaverit.⁶

✕ Ego Berhtulf⁷ hanc meam⁸ donationem signo munio Christi.⁸

✕ Ego Sæptryð ⁹ regina. ¹⁰	✕ Ego Kineferð ¹¹ episcopus. ¹⁰
✕ Ego Heaberht episcopus. ¹⁰	✕ Ego Berhtred ¹² episcopus. ¹⁰
✕ Ego Cuðwulf episcopus. ¹⁰	✕ Ego Eanmund ¹³ abbod. ¹⁴
✕ Ego Hunberht dux.	✕ Ego Aðelhard ¹⁵ dux.
✕ Ego Mucel dux.	✕ Ego Dudda dux.
✕ Ego Kineberht ¹⁶ dux.	✕ Ego Sigered dux.

[MS. Nero E. 1, fo. 183, continues the list of witnesses as follows :

✕ Ego Eapelhun ¹⁷ dux.	✕ Ego Mucel dux.
✕ Ego Eadulf.	✕ Ego Ælfred minister. ¹⁸
✕ Ego Wicga minister. ¹⁸	✕ Ego Hwithyse minister. ¹⁸
✕ Ego Eadulf minister. ¹⁸	✕ Ego Aldberht minister. ¹⁸]

VIII.

963.—Demise by Oswald, bishop of Worcester, to his thane Æthelnoth for life of a hide in Heortford.

This has been printed from Heming by Hearne, p. 130, Kemble, ii, p. 399, no. 509 (boundaries at iii, p. 462), and Birch, iii, p. 338, no. 1105.

[ÆDEL]NAÐE.

[Ego Oswald ergo, Christi crismate prae]sul,¹⁹ dominice In[carnationis anno DCCCCLXIII., annuen]te Rege Anglorum [Eadgaro, Ælfereque Merciorum com]jite²⁰ quandam ru[r]is particulam, unam videlicet mansam in loco, qui celebri a soliculis nuncupatur] æt Heortford [vocabulo, cuidam ministro meo nomine Æp]jelnoð perpetua [largitus hereditate et post

¹ *separatum*, Hem.

²⁻² Om. Hem.

³ *Dei*, add. Hem.

⁴ *magno*, Hem.

⁵ *judicii*, Hem.

⁶ *Et hii testes adfuerant, qui hoc consenserunt et scripserunt, quorum hic nomina in altera plaga cartulae flavescunt*, add. Hem.

⁷ *Berhtwulf, Rex Merc[ensium]*, Hem.

⁸⁻⁸ *libertatem et donationem cum vexillo sanctae crucis munio, ut fixa permaneat in evum*, Hem.

⁹ *Sæðryð*, Hem.

¹⁰ *consensi*, add. Hem

¹¹ *Cyneferð*, Hem.

¹² *Berehtred*, Hem.

¹³ *Eammund*, Hem.

¹⁴ *abbud*, Hem.

¹⁵ *Æðelheard*, Hem

¹⁶ *Cyneberht*, Hem.

¹⁷ *Æðelwulf*, Hem.

¹⁸ Om., Hem.

¹⁹ *judicatus*, Hem.

²⁰ Heming adds: 'necnon et familiae Wiogornensis ecclesiae.'

vitae suae] terminum II. tan[tum heredibus immunem dere-
linquat, qu]ibus defunctis, e[cclesiae Dei in Weogorna
ceastre restitua]tur.

þis synd þa l[andgemæro þære are hidæ into Heo]rtfordæ:
of St[anforda up on Mæres slæd; of Mæres slæde upon ða
cæstello eastewardre; of ðan cæstello on Colómores sic
neodewardre; of Colomores sice úp on burghæma weg;
ondlang þæs wegēs] on þon[e¹ litlan beorh; þonne swa and-
lang furu þæt on þa healdan stige; ondlang stige þæt forð
on Ælfrices gemæro; þonne andlang hricweges on þa ea æt
þære ealdan mylne; andlang ea eft on Stanford (&c.)].

IX.

984.—Demise by Oswald, [bishop of Worcester, and]
archbishop [of York], with the consent of the monastery of
Worcester, to his knight Æthelward for three lives of land at
Biscopes Stoc (Stoke Bishop, in Westbury-on-Trym, co. Glouc.).

This has been printed from Heming by Hearne, p. 121, and
Kemble, iii, p. 207, no. 646. The original was seen at
Worcester by Dugdale in 1643 (Wanley, in Hickes, iii, p.
299, no. 50).

. . . . NDANGE
. . . . STOCE ÆDEL[WARD].

[Alma] et individ[ua ubique inlocaliter regnante Trinitate]
necne Æðelre[do allubescente ac favente per omniparentis
nutum² totius Albionis basileo, Ælfrico M]erciorum comite
c[onsentiente, ego Oswaldus, largiflua] Dei clementia, ar[chi-
praesul, quandam rurusculi partem, tres s]cilicet mansas, in
[loco qui vocatur “æt Biscoopes Stoce” libe]nti concedo an[imo,
cum omnibus ad eam utilitatibus rite pertinentibus, cum con-
sultu atque] consensu³ ven[erabilis Weogernensium familiae]
Æþelwardo⁴ meo [videlicet militi⁵, pro ejus humili subjectione
atque famulat]u, ut vita com[ite illo feliciter perfruatur absque
ullius] refractione, [duobusque quibuscumque decreverit post
met]am proprii evi⁶ cler[onomis⁷ relinquat, finitoque illorum
vit]e curriculo a[d usum primatis in Weogornaceastre r]edeat
inmuni[s aecclesiae].

[Anno dominicae Incarnati]onis DCCCC. LXX[XIII].^o
scripta est cartula ista, his testibus] adstipulant[ibus, quorum
nomina infra caraxata cernuntur].

Dis syndon⁸ þ[a landgemæro þære þreora hida æt] Bisc-
[o]pes Stoke⁹: [ærest on þæs heges hyrnan be Westan]
stoce; of þæm¹⁰ [on þa ealdan dic on haran mære nor]ð-

1 This is the last line of the strip.

2 *Notum*, Hem.

3 *permissione*, Hem.

4 *Æþelwærdo*, Hem.

5 *milito*, Hem.

6 *aevi*, Hem.

7 *clero nominis*, Hem.

8 *synd*, Hem.

9 *Stoce*, Hem.

10 *þæm*, Hem.

warde¹; þonon [innan Filidleage norðwarde; of Filidleage norðward on² þone h[olan broc; of þam holan broce innan Sweoperlan st]ream; ³þonon [on Dinninggrafes wyrtruman; ⁴þon]on all swa seo⁵ d[ic sceót on Esnig mædwæ wearde; of Esnig mædwæn eal⁶ þonon al]swa þæt ealda⁷ r[iðig sceot up on þone ealdan h]earpað; ⁸ swa⁹ u[p on þa healdan díc wið Stoces weard; of þære ealdan díc ¹⁰to þam hege; þon]on all swa hit¹⁰ [sceot be Stoce westan eft on þæs h]eges hyrnan.

[✠ Ego Oswa]ld, Christi largition[e, archipontifex, cum caractere sanctae crucis corroboravi. ✠ Ego Wynsige] presbyter. ✠ Ego [Æþelstan presbyter. ✠ Ego Ælfsige presbyter. ✠ Ego Æþelsige presbyter. ✠ Ego Eadgar presbyter. ✠ Ego Wist]an presbyter. ✠ Ego [Æþelstan presbyter. ✠ Ego Eadward] presbyter. ✠ Ego [Godingc diaconus. ✠ Ego Leofstan diaconus. ✠ Ego Wulfwe]ard diaconus. ✠ Eg[o Æþelric diaconus. ✠ Ego Cyne]þeign¹¹ clericus. ✠ Eg[o Wulfgar clericus. ✠ Ego Leofw]ine monachus. ✠ Ego [Wulfric clericus. ✠ Ego Æþelwold clericus. ✠ Ego Wolnoð clericus. ✠ Ego Wulfwine clericus].

X.

990.—Demise by Archbishop Oswald, with the consent of the monastery at Worcester, to his man Æthelmær for three lives of land at Cumtune (Compton, co. Worcester) at Mersc. This has been printed from Heming by Hearne, p. 129, and Kemble, iii, p. 255, no. 675.

[ÆÐE]LM[ÆR].

[In usses Drihtnes no]man!¹²Ic [Oswald arcebisceop, mid geþafunge and leafe] þæs a[rworðan hyredes on Wiogernaceastre, ge iunges ge ealdes, geboc]lige sum[ne dæl landes minan holdan and getriowan men þe¹³ is Æþe]lmær hatte¹⁴ o[n twam stowum twega hida landes on] III. manna da[eg, ane hide on Cumtune on his ha]mstalle,¹⁵ and half¹⁶ [þone wudu þærto, and oþre on Mer]sce, for his ead[modre hyrsumnysse and for his licwe]orðum¹⁷ feo, þæt i[s twa pund mere hwites seolfres

¹ *norðwardre; of haran mære, Hem.*
² *in, Hem.*
³ *of Sweoperlan streame, add. Hem.*
⁴ *of Dyrninggrafes wyrtruman eall, add. Hem.*
⁵ *se, Hem.*
⁶ *of Esnig mædwæn eal* seems to have been omitted from the Wollaton MS., to judge by the space occupied by the other missing half lines.
⁷ *ealde, Hem.*
⁸ *of þam ealdan hearpaðe up, add. Hem.*
⁹ *Om. Hem.*
¹⁰⁻¹⁰ *eal swa se hege, Hem.*
¹¹ *Cyneþeign, Hem.*
¹² *hælendes Cristes, add. Hem.*
¹³ *þem, Hem.*
¹⁴ *nama, Hem.*
¹⁵ *hamstalle, Hem.*
¹⁶ *healf, Hem.*
¹⁷ *licweorðan, Hem.*

and xx]x eowna,¹ mid h[iora lambum, and iii. oxan, and twa cy and an h]ors; þæt is þæt he² ha[ebbe and wel bruce his dæg, and æfter hi]s dæge II. erf[n]uman³ þam þe him leofost sy, and him to geearnian wyll, and hio hit hæbben to frion ælces þinges butan] wall geweorce⁴ [and brygc geweorce and ferdsoene].

[Ðis synd þære anre hid]e land gemær[u on Mersce: ærest of Æþelstanes gem]ære to þam wyll[e on Biles hamme; þonne út to þa]m middel gema[ere].⁵

[þis wæs gedon þy geara þe w]æs agan fram [Cristes gebyrtdite nigon hund wintra and hund nigontig wint]ra, on þara⁶ ge[witnyse þe hiora naman her beneoð]an⁷ standað.

[✠ Ic⁸ Oswald arcebisceop mid Cristes rode tacne þas sylene gefæstnode. ✠] Ic Aepelstan [primus. ✠ Ic Ælfsige presbyter. ✠] Ic Eadgar [presbyter. ✠ Wistan presbyter. ✠ Æþelsige presbyter. ✠] Ic Ælfsi. [✠ Æðelstan presbyter. ✠] Ic Goding⁹ [diaconus. ✠ Leofstan diaconus. ✠] Ic Wulfward [diaconus. ✠ Æðelric diaconus. ✠] Ic Cyneðen¹⁰ [clericus. ✠ Wulfgar clericus. ✠] Ic Leofwine [monachus. ✠ Wulfric clericus. ✠ Wulfnoð clericus. ✠] Ic Wulfwine [clericus].

[✠ And ic gean him þæs w]orðiges æt Bry[nes hamme ðe Æþelm ahte, and þ]æs croftes þær[to be eastan þære stræte] on þæt ilce gera[d þe þis oþer is. ✠¹¹þæs gén bec hyrað into Wincescumbe.] 24.

An imperfect 12th century MS., containing 38 folios, measuring 8½ inches by 12¾ inches, written in double columns, commencing: "et kartas comparavi ab eis, qui in illo tempore scriptores erant, et scripsi omnia que passa est beatissima Margareta. *Lectio Secunda.* Fratres, omnes aures habentes corde intelligite, viri, mulieres, virgines, tenere puelle, ut requiem sempiternam viri et mulieres cum justis a Domino coronati percipiatis. Beatissima autem Margareta erat Theod[o]sii filia," etc. Short lessons on other Saints follow, interspersed with musical notation.

A small volume, measuring 8½ inches by 6 inches, written in early 13th century hands, bound in oak boards covered with white leather. This book has evidently been used in the 14th and 15th centuries by schoolboys, as there are rough sketches and words scribbled in it in various places. The

¹ *eowna*, Hem.

² Om. Hem.

³ *erfewearðan*, Hem.

⁴ *wæl gewerce*, Hem.

⁵ *geara*, Hem.

⁶ *broðra*, add. Hem.

⁷ *auritene*, add. Hem.

⁸ The word *Ic* is omitted in all the following instances in Hem.

⁹ *Godingc*, Hem.

¹⁰ *Cyneþen*, Hem.

¹¹ This paragraph does not appear to have been copied into the Wolaton MS.

following names occur: "Raf Savag'," foll. 91, 92, etc.; "R . . . Warner," fo. 104v; "Iste liber constat Johanni Wapplode," fo. 138v; "Willelmus Cayso est pravus puer"; "Johannes Keme, Willelmus Keme," fo. 152; "Bythan," fo. 156v; "Will. Hasilwode," fo. 159; and, at the end, "Iste liber constat Johanni Cole, de Wodyl"; "Iste liber constat Radulfe (*sic*) Sava[ge]," "Iste liber constat Savage, bonus puer"; "Winnington." There is also a note at the end, in a 15th cent. hand: "Precium hujus voluminis, xijd." At fo. 137 the following is written and partly erased: "Half . . . I am sent; I herd tel awndyr [= a wonder] tale . . . rwas went, Me ys set a corn(?) sale." At fo. 143v in a 15th cent. hand: "Hop we all that God is bothe God and man, and tat he is hower' hall', ij. come er' a messinger' forto tel wen now ye Kync is ad . . . don a grete mischef, and her' ade(?) slauu(?), the Lord is here al this rein." Above is written "Hop sa, down la," which occurs several times in the volume. At fo. 146v in a 14th century hand:—"Honour we alle þat ywe scyld that W." At fo. 149, in an early 14th cent. hand: "Wan ye reyn reynit, sliperit [= becomes slippery] ye weye . . . thriste [= thrust] . . . *quando pluvia pluit viam labilitat pessimus tepor, et tu inimicem pun-gnet.*" These English sentences are in a northern dialect (Yorkshire?). The volume seems to have been drawn up for school use, as it contains some of the poetical and grammatical works used in the medieval school curriculum. The volume has, apparently, lost some pages at the commencement. The present first page lacks the lower part.

I.—Folios 1 to 28v. Extracts with interlinear and marginal glosses from the *Graecismus* of Everard of Béthune, one of the most celebrated grammatical works of the Middle Ages. The extracts commence as follows (= c. XIV, 95, *Eberhardi Bethuniensis Graecismus*, ed. J. Wrobel, Wratislaw, 1887):

"*Hic est articulus et pro quidam reperitur,*
 Ut si quis dicat: 'hominum stant hii, resident hii.'
Hic quoque multotiens pro talis ponitur, ut si
 Tu dicas: 'hec [h]erba meo revirescit in [h]orto.'
Hic quoque demonstrat, quod sepe potest reperiri.
 Derivativis est significatio duplex,
 Nam possessoris intrin[secus]¹ persona vocatur,
 Ast extrinsecus hinc possessio significatur."

It finishes, fo. 28v, as under (= c. XXVII. end):

"Verbaque cum motu sibi jungunt diptota *-tum, -tu.*
 Explicit Ebrardi Grecismus nomine Christi,
 Qui dedit Alpha vel o [= Ω]. Sit laus et gloria Christo.
 Explicit hic scriptus, qui scripsit sit benedictus."

II.—Folios 29 to 31, in a somewhat later and larger hand. The first has the contemporary numeration: "lxij^{us}."

The letters *secus* are written over the line as a gloss.

They contain a poem in 115 lines *De Penitentia*, with full marginal commentary in a different hand. The author's name is not mentioned. The poem is assigned in several MSS. to John de Garlandia, a famous English scholar settled in France, but it is also ascribed to other writers, and the authorship is doubtful.¹ It commences :

“ [P]eniteas cito peccator, cum sit miserator
Judex ; et sunt hec² quinque tenenda tibi :
Spes venie, cor contritum, confessio culpe,
Pena satisfaciens, et fuga nequitie.”

The end is as follows :

“ Ad dominum sunt hec festinanti tibi causa :
Ignis purificans, mors, egritudo, ruborque,
Et cure gratuitas et consuetudo ruine.
Sit scriptor sanus, sit benedicta manus.
Explicit liber de modo penitentie. Amen.”

III.—Fol. 32–75. An anonymous grammatical treatise commencing with the following lines, which are written as prose :

“ Scribere clericulis paro doctrinale novellis,
Pluraque doctorum sociabo scripta meorum,
Jamque legent pueri pro nugis Maxim[i]ani.”

This is the famous *Doctrinale* of Alexander de Ville Dieu,³ one of the most widely used works on grammar from the thirteenth century until the Reformation. The MS. is provided with interlinear and marginal Latin glosses.

“ Qui veteres socii[s] nolebant pandere caris

5. Presens huic operi sit gracia neupmatis [= pneumatis]
almi.

Me juvet et faciat implere quod utile fiat.
Si pueri primo nequeant attendere plene,
Hic tamen attendet, qui doctoris vice fungens
Atque legens pueris layca lingua reserabit,

10. Et pueris etiam pars maxima plana patebit.

24. Quamvis hec non est doctrina satis generalis,
Proderit ipsa tamen plus nugis Maxim[i]ani.
Post Alphabetum [*glossed* Donatum] minus hec doc-
trina legetur ;
Inde leget majus [*glossed* alphabetum, id est Priscianus],
mea qui documenta sequetur ;
Iste fere totus liber est extractus ab illo ” [*glossed*
Prisciano].

¹ See M. [B.] Hauréau, ‘ Notice sur les Œuvres authentiques ou supposées de Jean de Garlande,’ in *Notices et Extraits des Manuscrits de la Bibliothèque Nationale*, vol. xxvii., part 2, p. 10 *sqq.*, Paris, 1879. See also Bale, *Index Britanniae Scriptorum*, ed. Poole and Bateson, p. 207.

² ‘ haec et sunt,’ Hauréau.

³ Ed. by Prof. Dietrich Reichling, *Das Doctrinale des Alexanders de Villa Dei*, Berlin, 1893, in *Monumenta Germaniae Paedagogica*, vol. xii. Cf. Hauréau, ‘ Notices et Extraits de divers Manuscrits latins, pour servir à l’Histoire des Doctrines grammaticales au Moyen Age,’ in *Notices et Extraits des MSS.*, xxii. part 2, pp. 28, 98 (Paris 1868).

Conclusion (= Reichling, 2640-45):

“Doctrinale, Dei virtute juvante, peregi,
 Nil reor assertum quod non licet esse tenendum,
 Pluraque signavi, que non debent imitari.
 Grates reddo tibi, genitor Deus, et tibi, Christe,
 Nate Dei Deus, atque tibi, Deus [h]alitus alme;
 Quas tres personas in idem credo Deitatis.
 Explicit hic scriptus, qui scripsit sit benedictus.
 Explicit expliceat, ludere scriptor eat.”

IV.—Folios 75v to 78v. A Latin poem by Serlo treating of Latin synonyms. It is printed in full by Hauréau, “Notices sur les Mélanges poétiques d’Hildebert de Lavardin,” in *Notices et Extraits des Manuscrits*, xxviii, part 2, p. 429. The author of this poem, which is sometimes entitled “Differentie” and sometimes “De Partibus Orationis,” is identified with Serlo de Wilton, an English monk settled in France and a friend of Walter Map and Giraldus Cambrensis, by Hauréau, “Notice sur un Manuscrit de la Reine Christine,” in *Notices et Extraits*, xxix., 2, p. 233, *sqq.* Cf. xxvii, 2, p. 44.

“Dactile, quid latitas? exi; quid publica vitas?
 Quis vetat audiri que fas nec inutile sciri?
 Non [alios¹] cura nisi, qui norunt tua jura.
 Ergo versifico; dic cuivis que tibi dico.
 Accipe quas dic[h]ronas partes in carmine ponas,
 Que confusa sono distincta vocabula pono.
 In me Serlonem non respice, set rationem.
 Si bene stat, sic sit; si non, quis non male dixit?
 Si placeo nulli, quid nullo carius ulli?”

[De A.].

Unam semper amo, cujus non solvar ab hamo.²
 Dicitur arbor acer, vir fortis et improbus acer.
 Forma senilis anus, pars quedam corporis anus.
 Mel defertur api cum ros descendit ab api.”

It ends as follows (differing from Hauréau’s text in arrangement of lines and in omission of ten lines at the end):

“Me terret quod humor, non terret quod sonat humor.
 Serlo docetur uti, non doctus, amoris uti.
 Si transire velis maris undas, utere velis.
 Ante fruiere vadis, per aquas si dux mihi vadis.
 O ver quando venis, trahis eterna thima venis.”

In the margin are written in the same (?) hand glosses in Anglo-French, commencing: “Amo, -as, verbum; hic hamus, hami, i. *crok, croker*. Hec acer, acri, *arable*; hic acer, hec acer, hoc acre, *egre*. Hec anus, -ui, vel vetule; hic anus, ani, extrema pars corporis. Hec apes, apis, *ees*; hic apis, -pis, -pi, *muntayne*. Hec ara [=hara], are, *porcherie*; hec ara, are, *auter*. Alo, alis, *nurir*; hec ala, ale, *ele*. Aro, aras, arat, *arrer*; areo, ares, i[d est] *siccare, sechir*.”

¹ This word, supplied from *Notices et Extraits*, is erased.

² Cf. Wilhelm Meyer, *Gesammelte Abhandlungen zur mittellateinischen Rhythmik*, Berlin, 1905, i, p. 83.

V.—Fo. 78v. to 80v. A similar poem, beginning :

“Ut medias dic[h]ronas edoctus merce reponas,
Hec, lector, *cura* Radulfi tradita *cura*.
Nomen habens *arator*, fuerat dominus *Arator*.
Presbiter est *agamus*, pariter nos sic et *agamus*.”

It ends at foot of page as under :

“Dicito ‘care, *vale*, quia procumbit latro *valle*.
Te nolebat *ana* nexisse nuncius *anna*.’”

Ralph de Longo Campo, an Englishman or Frenchman, wrote, in the early part of the thirteenth century, a work called “*Distinctiones*,” besides other educational books. M. B. Hauréau (*Notices et Extraits*, xxxiii, pt. 1, p. 280) states that he had never met with a MS. of this work under Ralph’s name. This may possibly be a copy of the *Distinctiones*.

VI.—Folios 81 (numbered in an early hand “lvij^{us}”) to 90, written in a somewhat later hand, without glosses, contain an anonymous poem on Latin synonyms. This was ascribed to John de Garlandia by John Boston of Bury in the fifteenth century, and by Bale, *Index Britanniae Scriptorum*, p. 207, but this ascription is rejected on the grounds of style by M. Hauréau, “Notice sur les Œuvres authentiques ou supposées de Jean de Garlande,” in *Notices et Extraits des MSS.*, xxvii, part 2, p. 56 *sqq.*; cf. also vol. xxxii, part 2, p. 84 *sq.* He assigns the authorship to Matthew de Vendôme or to Geoffrey de Vinesauf, his disciple. An edition of it has been published under the title of *Die Synonyma des Johannes von Garlandia*, by Prof. M. Kurz, *Wissenschaftliche Abhandlungen*, no. 47, Vienna, 1885. It was printed from a poor MS. by Polycarp Leyser, *Historia Poetarum et Poematum Medii Aevi*, Halae, 1721, p. 312.

“Ad mare ne videar latices deferre, camino
Ingniculum, densis vel frondes addere silvis,
Hospitibusque pira Calabris dare,¹ vina Lio²
Aut Cereri fruges, apibus mel, vel thima pratis,
Poma vel Alcineo³, vel molli[a] tura Sabeo :
Nil veterum tritis curo superaddere dictis,
Sed dare lac pueris, proponens parva pusillis,
Quos solum dicant materne munera lingue.
Sermonis tribuo pueris elementa Latini,
Quorum multiplicem, lector, preconcipe fructum.
Quisquis abundare cupit in sermone Latino
Atque reservare, que mens scito lubrica fundit,
Eligit e multis hinc mutatoria vocum,
Ut diversimode rem sign[ific]abit eandem.
Edocet equivocis opus hoc, sinonima jungens
Versibus et rithimis, ut vocum copia detur,
Exemplis variis brevis et producta docetur.

¹ Hor. *Ep.* i, 7, 14: ‘Non, quo more piris vesci Calaber jubet hospes.’

² “Lyæeo.”

³ “Alcinoo.” Ovid, *Pont.*, iv, 2, 10.

Sub multis plures unam rem voce sub una,
 Que fieri semper, quod fit plerumque, putamus.
 Fallimus hinc alios, et ab ipsis fallimur ipsi.
 Est opus idcirco cognoscere, qualiter et quo
 Equivocis et ab u[n]ivocis sinonima distant.”

Conclusion (= 704, Leyser, 494 Kurz):

Alvus, et alviolus, est venter,¹ ventriculusque,²

Additur hiis uterus prengnantibus appropriatus,

Followed by these lines (= Kurz, 850):

Virginis est alvus, et sic ab alendo vocata,

Ex utero dicti ge[r]mani sunt uterini.

Laus³ tibi sit, Christe, quia codix (*sic*) scribitur iste.
 Explicit expliciat, ludere scriptor eat.”

VII.—Folios 91*v* to 103*v*. A poem (without glosses) treating of Latin “æquivoca” or homonyms. It is printed by Leyser, p. 338. It is found in MSS. following the preceding poem, and has been ascribed to the author thereof by M. Hauréau, *Notices et Extraits*, xxvii, part 2, p. 58. But the present MS. shows that the author’s name was Henry, who must, if M. Hauréau is correct in connecting this poem with the preceding one on the grounds of subject and style, be also the author of the preceding poem.

“Equivoca hoc ordine triplici disponere destinavimus: primo quidem, ut ponantur per se quotquot incipiunt ab *a*; secundo, que a *b*; tertio, que a *c*; et sic deinceps secundum ordinem alphabeti. Secundo, ut in hiis, que incipiunt a dyp-tongo. Demum, que a simplici vocali De preposicionibus hic nihil interserimus, quia pro majori parte preposiciones tam Grece quam Latine equivoce, et ideo de illis separatim tractatum tradendum decrevimus. Rursus dic[h]ronas partes fere omnes omittimus, et maxime dissillybas propter Serlonicos versus. Trisillyba et in mediis dic[h]rona nota. Que deinceps diversos accentus tam in recto quam in obliquis habentia hinc segregamus. De hiis enim alias dicemus.

Augustus, -*ti*, -*to*, Cesar vel mensis habeto.

Augustus, -*tus*, -*tui*, vult divinacio dici.

Mobile cum fiat Augustus, nobile signat:

Augeo dat primum, dat *gustus* avisque secundum.

Aura favor, splendor, flatus dicatur et aër,

Est *abacus* mensa, metrum(?) capitale columpne.”

It ends as follows:

“Equivoca hec legi, que metri lege coegi,

Et licebit ista legi pueris, quibus ipsa peregi,

Atque libet dici lector, quicumque fuisti,

In capud Henrici veniat benedictio Christi.

Explicet (*sic*) expliceat.”

¹ *neuter*, MS.

² *neutri-*, MS.

³ *laux*, MS.

VIII.—Folios 105 to 110v. A collection of apopthegms in verse without the name of the author, but which can be identified as the *Disticha* bearing the name of Cato, a favourite medieval schoolbook, with the later prose introduction, which is ascribed to the time of Charles the Great by Emil Bæhrens, *Poetae Latini Minores*, iii., p. 205, Leipsig (Teubner), 1881, and which is partly repeated by Everard of Béthune in his *Graecismus*. The text has interlinear and marginal glosses.

“Cum animadverterem, quam plurimos homines graviter errare in via morum, succurrendum opinioni eorum et consulendum fore existimavi, maxime ut gloriose viverent et honorem contingerent. Nunc te, fili karissime, docebo, quo pacto tui animi mores componas. Igitur mea precepta ita legito, ut [*an erasure*] intelligas : legere enim et non intelligere, idem est negligere¹. Itaque Deo supplica, parentes ama, cognatos cole,” etc.

[Liber Primus.]

1. “Si Deus est animus, nobis ut carmina dicunt,
Hic tibi precipue sit pura mente colendus.
2. Plus vigila semper, ne[u] sompno deditus esto ;
Nam diuturna quies viciis alimenta ministrat.”

IX.—Folios 110v to 111v. An anonymous eclogue of 36 lines, with glosses, commencing :

“Ethiopum terras jam fervida torruit estas,
In cancro solis dum volvitur aureus axis ;
Compuleratque suas tilie sub amena capellas
Natus ab Athenis pastor, cognomine Pseustis :
Pellis pant[h]ere cui corpus² textit utrumque
Discolor,” [*etc.*].

This is from the work of Theodulus, of whom nothing is known beyond his name. See G. L. Hamilton, in *Modern Philology*, vii, p. 169, Chicago, 1909. His eclogue, which contains 352 lines, was last published in 1902 (*Theoduli Ecloga*, ed. by J. Osternacher, Linz, 1902). Cf. Thurot, *Notices et Extraits des MSS.*, xxii., part 2, p. 452, for the metre (‘*consonantia*’).

X.—Folios 111v to 116v. Seventy-seven more lines of Theodulus, with glosses.

[PSEUSTIS.] “Primus Creteis Saturnus venit ab oris,³
Aurea per cunctas disponens secula terras.
Nullus ei genitor, nec quisquam tempore major
Ipso gaudet avo superum generosa propago.”
[ALITHIA.] “Incola primus homo fuit in viridi pardiso
Conjuge [v]iperium donec suadente venenum
Hausit, eo cunctis miscendo pocula mortis
Sentit adhuc proles quod commiseret⁴ parentes.”

¹ *negligere*, MS.

² *corpus cui*, Bæhrens.

³ Altered from *horis*.

⁴ Altered by erasure from *commiscere*.

Concludes (= 341, Osternacher) :

“Treicius vates commovit pectine manes,
Te moveant lacrimae, jam tollit cornua Phebe.
Sol petit occasum, frigus succedit opacum,¹
Desine quod restat, ne desperatio ledat. Explicit.”

XI.—Folios 116 *verso* to 128. Here follow, without any title, the fables of Avienus, with a few glosses, beginning [ed. Baehrens, *Poetae Latini Minores*, v., p. 35] :

“Rustica deflenti parvo juraverat olim
‘Ni taceas, rabido² quod foret esca lupo.’
Credulus hanc vocem lupus audit et manet ipsas
Pervigil ante fores, irrita vota gerens,” etc.

It ends with the fable of the wolf and the goat, beginning [= Baehrens, p. 69] :

“Forte lupum melior cursu deluserat [h]edus
Proxima vicinis dum petit arva casis.”

“Sic quotiens duplici subdicuntur tristia casu,
Expedit insignem promeruisse necem.
Explicit.”

XII.—Folios 128 to 139 *v*. The elegies of Maximian, partly glossed in Latin and French, commencing :

“Emula quid cessas finem properare senectus
Cura et in hoc fesso corpore tarda venis?
Solve, precor, miseram de tali carcere vitam.”

Conclusion :

“Ergo exactum quodque est vitabile nulli,
Festino gressu vincere prestat iter
Infelix ; ceu jam defuncto corpore surgit
Hac me defunctum vivere parte puto.
Explicit liber Maximiani.”

[Edited by Baehrens, *Poetae Latini Minores*, v., p. 317 ; *Maximiani Elegiae ad fidem Codicis Etonensis recensuit et emendavit M. Petschenig* (*Berliner Studien für Klassische Philologie und Archaeologie*, xi., Heft. 2 (1890).]

XIII.—Folios 140 to 159. The *Achilleis* of Statius, beginning (= i. 1) :

“Magnanimum Eaciden formidatamque Tonanti
Progeniem [et] patrio vetitam succedere celo,
Diva, refer,” etc.

Conclusion (= ii. 166) :

“Haecenus annorum, comites, elementa meorum
Et memini meminisse juvatque : scit cetera mater.
Explicit Stacius Achilleidos.”

XIV.—Folios 159 to the end of volume. A portion of Claudian, *De Raptu Proserpinae*, without any title. It commences (= *prae-fatio*) :

¹ *oppagum*, MS.

² *rapido*, MS.

“Inventa secuit qui primus nave profundum
 Et rudibus remis sollicitavit aquas.
 Qui dubiis ausus committere flatibus alnum,
 Quas natura negat, prebuit arte vias.”

Conclusion (= ii. 51) :

“Cristatum radiis: primo clementior evo
 Fingitur et tenerum vagitu, despuit ignem.”

An imperfect volume, without covers, consisting of 102 folios, measuring $7\frac{1}{2}$ by $10\frac{1}{2}$ inches, written in an early thirteenth century hand in double columns. It is a portion of the work of Robert de Gretham entitled *Miroir* or *Evangiles des Domées*, and has not yet been printed. See Gröber, *Grundriss der romanischen Philologie*, ii., part 1, p. 747. It commences :

Grant joie funt trestut de gré
 Tut cil ke Jesus ad salvé,
 E nus seignurs pur Deu amur
 Hastum de fere bon retur
 Ke pussum faire as seinz leesce
 Ke dolent sunt de nostre paresce
 Ke pussum dire en lur regné
 Ben ait ki vent el nun de Dé.

Ce est la secunde dompné de l'Advent. *

In illo tempore dixit Jesus discipulis suis ‘erunt signa in sole et luna et stellis,’ etc.”

The last rubric is that of the eleventh Sunday after Trinity.

Conclusion :

Mes ore avum brefment tuché
 Del orguil de cest farisé,
 Ore oïm de cest publicant
 Qui esteit verrai repentant.

Publican est qui hunte pert
 E par itant peche en uvert,
 Qui pecche tut uvertement
 En out nuli chastiment.

A small volume, measuring 7 inches by $10\frac{1}{2}$ inches, without covers and lacking the commencement, written in double columns, containing forty-two lines each, in a thirteenth century hand. It is a copy of the *Manuel des Pechiés* of William de Wadington, whose name here appears as Wuldindune. It has been edited from other MSS. by Dr. Furnivall in *Robert of Brunne's Handlyng Synne*, Roxburghe Club, 1862, and for the Early English Text Society, 1901.

Commences :

U par alcune affinité (2182)
 A femme ke dust espuser
 E en matrimoygne celebrer.

Conclusion (fo. 56. col. 2) :

Del Franceis ne del rimeyer (12,736)
 Ne me deit nul home blamer
 Kar en Engleterre esteie né
 E nurri illoc e ordené.
 D'une vilette suy numé
 Ke n'est burc ne cité.

De Deu seit beneit chescun home
 Ki prie pur Willam Wuldingdune ;
 Ki pur altre prie e hure
 Pur sei meismes bien labure.
 En Deu finisse cest escrit
 En Pere, en Filz, en Seint Esperit.

Explicit.

Followed (fo. 57) by a copy in the same hand of Robert of Gretham's *Miroir* or *Evangiles des Domées* (see above).

Commences :

A sa trechere dame Aline
 Saluz en la vertu divine.
 Ma dame, bien l'ai oï dire
 Ke mult améz oïr e lire
 Chancon de geste e d'estoire
 E mult i metéz la memoire,
 Mais bien voil que vus sachéz
 Que co est plus de vanitéz.

Conclusion (fo. 171) :

Ici finisent les domées
 Brefment espuns e enditées.
 Ore pri tuz ki l'oënt e dient
 K'il pur Robert de Gretham prient,
 Ki Deus meintenge si sa vie
 Ke par lui seit en sa baillie. Amen.
 Ici termine le mireur
 Des omelies la dulcur.

A 13th century copy of the Vulgate, written in two columns in a very beautiful and minute hand on thin parchment leaves, measuring 6 inches by 9½ inches, with finely executed illuminated initials. On the first page is written, in an early 15th century hand, "Liber Sancti Cuthberti de Dunelmia."

A stout volume, measuring about eight inches by twelve, written in an early thirteenth century French hand, with illuminated initials containing figures of knights, etc., in the costume of the time. The first cover is missing, the other one is of oak, covered with scarlet leather. It contains a considerable number of romances and fabliaux written in the Picard dialect. The texts of those that have appeared in print are in most cases superior to the MSS. used for the

printed texts. This is especially true of the fabliaux, etc., that were obviously written originally in the Picard dialect. They add much to the knowledge of the works of the author of "Conebert," a well-known fabliau, prove that he was Gautiers le Leus, and afford strong evidence that he was a Picard. The only record of the history of the volume is the name "John' Bertrem, de Thorp Kilton" (Thorpe, in Kilton, parish of Brotton, near Guisborough, co. York) in a fifteenth century hand, at fo. 347 *verso*. In the MS. two or three words are frequently written as one; in the following quotations they are separated.

I. (Fo. 1.)—A poem with no title; it is the Romance of Troy of Benoît de Sainte Maure (ed. by A. Joly, *Benoît de Sainte More et le Roman de Troie*, Paris, 1870, and by Leopold Constans, *Le Roman de Troie, par Benoit de Sainte Maure*, Paris, 1904-8, Société des Anciens Textes Français). The first nine pages and nineteen lines have been supplied in a later (fourteenth century) hand. They commence:

[S]alemons nos ensoigne et dit
Et si trovommes en escrit
Que nus ne doit lo san celer,
Aincois le doit si demostre.

This later hand ends (line 953 of Constans' text):

[Q]ant vint contre le tans novel
Que ducement chantent oisel,
Que la flors est frasche et leale
Et l'arbe est varz et renovale.

After an interval of a blank column and a half the early hand begins a quire with folio 2:

Quant li vergie[r] sont gent flori (956)
Et de lor fuelles ravesti.

Conclusion (fo. 157, col. 1):

Ichi fenist la mioldre estorie
Qui onques fust mise en memorie.

The authorship is recorded in the later hand as follows:

124 Ceste estoire n'est pes (*sic*) husée
Ne gaires soinz ne est trovée, (130)
Jai retraits ne fust encore,
Mais Benoiz de Sainte More
L'ai retenüe et faite a (*sic*) dite
Et a ses maines tretoste escrite.

II. (Fo. 158 *recto*.)—A poem of about 6000 lines, without title. It is the poem of Gautier d'Arras known as "Ille et Galeron," printed from the "unique" Paris MS. by E. Löseth, *Œuvres de Gautier d'Arras*, vol. ii (Paris, E. Bouillon, 1890, in the "Bibliothèque Française du Moyen Age"), and by Wendelin Förster as No. 7 of his *Romanische Bibliothek*, Halle, Niemeyer, 1891. The present text, which is superior in language and apparently in age, has an additional thirty lines at the end, which prove that the poem was written after

Gautier's "Eracles," a conclusion arrived at by Förster on internal evidence. He assigns the date of its composition to 1167. It is to be distinguished from the later Galerant (*Le Roman de Galerant, comte de Bretagne, par le Trouvère Renault, publié pour la première fois d'après le MS. unique de la Bibliothèque Nationale par Anatole Boucherie, Montpellier-Paris, 1888, Société pour l'Étude des Langues Romanes*), which is partly founded upon it. The four lines at the commencement are written as prose.

Commencement :

- 1 [A]ïe Dex, Sains Esperis ! (1)
 Qu'a la mellor emperre[r]is
 Qui onques fust, si con jo pins,
 Otroi mon service et mon sens. (4)
 5 Les plusors fausent en la fin, (17)
 Mais la u Dex mist tant de fin
 Come en l'emperre[r]is de Rome.
- 72 Car a s'onor voel faire j. lai,
 De Galeron, seror le duc (133)
 Et d'Ille, le fil Eliduc.
 Madame,¹ ij. Breteignes sunt,
 Et gens diverses y estunt.
 Li Englois sont en la gregnor,²
 Mais li Norman en sont segnor.
 En la menor sont li Breton.
- 80 Uns dus l'ot ja, Conains ot non,
 Et Galerons sa suer estoit. (140)

Conclusion :

- De Rome est Y[lles] emperere (6553)
 Et rois et sire et commandere.
- ijj. fix ot puis de sa mollier (6570)
 Et une fille mult tres bele.
 Acarras entent la novele,
 Et Garsions, li ainsnés frere ;
 A Rome viennent a lor pere
 Et a lor freres qui i sont, (6575)
 Qui mervellose joie en font.
 Li uns des trois freres Romains
 A non Morins, l'autres Gormains,
 Li tiers a non Oriadés.
 Cist firent puis proëce adés. (6580)
 Et lor suer Ydone a a non
 Et l'autre Ydonie ont li Breton.
 Des ij. enfans son bon segnor (6582)
 Fait Ganors joie mult gregnor
 Qu'ele ne fait des siens demainne,
 Li pere mult grant joie mainne.

¹ *Aadame*, MS. (through error of rubricator).

² *menor*, MS.

Mult furent puis de halte afaire, (6585)
 Mais n'en vuel plus lonc conte faire
 Ne co n'ataint pas ci a dire.
 O Ganor vesqui puis li sire
 A joie tans dis con Dex volt.
 Ne en l'estorie plus n'en ot, (6590)
 Ne plus n'en a, ne plus n'i mist
 Galtres d'Arras, qui s'entremist (6592)
 D'Eracle ains qu'il fesist ceste uevre.
 Cil Dex, vers cui nus ne se cuevre,
 Doinst bien la bone Beatris,
 Qui est de Rome empereris,
 Cele est la meldre qui soit née,
 En vie se rest mult penée,
 Et gart le bon Conte Tiehaut ;
 Cist dui me sont et liét et baut.
 Cestui de menconge a prover
 Que le ne puet son per trover
 Pur parler mels qui nus ne fait,
 Pur faire mels qu'il parlé n'ait.
 Et tot ce vigne en celi
 Pur ce m'eslonge plus de li,
 Qui por rien c'onques me feist.
 Cuidiés se il ne me feist
 Et ele ausi que jel deïsse,
 Ne en tel painne me mëisse,
 Mais l'uevre est mult bien employé
 Au quel d'ax qu'el soit envoié,
 Plus d'onor a l'uns de ces deus
 Qui de ceste uevre n'a nus deus,
 Por qant por li le commencai
 Et por le conte le finai.
 L'uevre n'iert ja en lui contée
 Que d'eax ne soit plus amontée
 Que il ne doivent par li estre.
 Ne mais ce dient li ancestre
 Que bon ami mostrer estuet
 Tant d'amor veals con faire puet.
Explicit.

III. (Fo. 189.)—A poem of about six thousand five hundred octosyllabic lines of the Arthurian cycle, evidently based upon Geoffrey of Monmouth. As appears from the first line the author was a Master Heldris (= Hildric, Heudri) de Cornvalle, a name hitherto unknown.

[M]aistres Heldris de Cornvalle
 Escrist ces viers trestolt a talle,
 A eals qui sunt conmande et rueve,
 El commencier de suns qu'il trouve,
 Que cis qi savra, ains les arge,
 Que il a tels gens les esparge,
 Que qant il oënt un bon conte

Ne sevent preu a qoi il monte ;
 Ne violt qu'espars soient per gent
 Qui proisent mains honor d'argent,
 N'a gent qi tolt voellent oïr
 Et si n'ont soing con puist i oïr
 De gueredon qu'il voellent rendre.
 Uns clers poroit lonc tans aprendre
 Por rime trover et por viers,
 Tant par est cis siecles diviers
 Q'ancois poroit rime trover
 Qui peüst en cest mont trover.

After a lengthy prologue on morals, etc., it proceeds :

Ebans fu ja rois d'Engletiere,
 Si maintint bien en pais la terre ;
 Fors solement le rei Artu
 N'i ot ainc rien de sa vertu
 Ens le roiaime des Englois.
 Li siens conmans n'ert pas i Englois,
 Car n'avoit home ens el roiaime
 De Wincestre trosque Durame,
 S'il osast son conmant enfreindre,
 Ne'l fesist en sa carcre enpaindre :
 Par tel covant n'a droit n'a tort
 N'en issist point trosque la mort.

Among the characters are Gui de Calmont, " Rogiers nés de Bialmont," and Hyebles de Castel Landon.

Conclusion (Fo. 224, col. 1) :

Grant joie en out cho est a droit.
 Maistre Heldris dist chi endroit
 Con doit plus bone feme amer
 Que haïr malvaise u blasmer.

Mais efforcier plus de bien faire
 Chi voel a fin mon conte traire.
 Benëois soit qui je vos conte
 Benëois soit qui fist le conte ;
 A cials, a celes qui l'oïrent
 Otroit Jhesus cho qu'il desirent.

Explicit.

IV. (Fo. 224.)—About four thousand lines (Alexandrines), entitled in a rough, contemporary hand, " Gest Aalixandre." This is part of the great Alexander Romance of Lambert li Tors, a Picard poet, and Alexander de Bernay, which was edited in the *Bibliothek des literarischen Vereins in Stuttgart*, vol. xiii, by Heinrich Michelant, in 1846. It commences abruptly with the account of the siege of Tyre (= Michelant, p. 93, from whose text it differs considerably) as follows :

Devant les murs de Tyr la dedens en la mer,
 Li rois de Macedonie fist j. castiel fremer.
 Mult fut riche la tors ; s'ot en tor maint piler.

La facon del castiel ne vus sai deviser.
 De la porte vers tiere lor volt le port veer
 Qu' a la cité ne puissent venir ne retourner
 Barges, nés ne galies, ne isseir ne entrer.
 Li rois i comanda de sa gent a aler,
 Armes e garisons i fait assés porter.

Conclusion, fo. 245 verso (cf. Michelant, p. 211, lines 14, 15):
 Mairiens en voient querre ens es selves plenieres
 Por faire des grans fus les perieres manieres.

V. (Fo. 246 verso.)—A poem entitled "Gest d'Aumont et d'Agoulant," in rhymed decasyllables. This is the Charlemagne *Chanson de Geste* known as *Aspremont* (edited by Immanuel Bekker, in the introduction to *Der Roman von Fierabras*, Berlin, 1829, p. 53, and by Guessard and Gautier, Paris, 1855. Cf. Gröber's *Grundriss der romanischen Philologie*, ii, part 1, p. 540).

Commencement :

Plaist vos oïr bone cancon vallant
 De Carlemainne le rice roi poiscant,
 Del duc Namlon, qui li rois ama tant,
 Tel consellier n'orent onques li Franc.

11 Or vos dirai d'Aumont e d'Agolant,
 Et d'Aspremont, u li camp furent grant,
 Si con li rois i adoba Rollant
 E il li cainst al coste l'orie brant,
 Cho dist la gieste Durendal le trencant.
 C'est la premiere dont il onques fist sanc,
 Aumont ocist, qui fu fix Agolant.
 Or escotés des ici en avant,
 Se le vos plaist, bone cancon vus cant.

Conclusion (fo. 305 verso) :

Canté vos ai d'Agol[ant] e de Alm[ont]
 De Karlemainne a la fiere facon,
 Et de Gir[art] le fil au duc Beuson,
 De la bataille qui fut en Aspremon.

Cil Damerdex, qui sofri passion
 Et suscita de mort S. Lasaron,
 D'aus e de nos aïes merci par non.
 D'or en avant en remaint la cancon.
 Ici fenist que ja plus ne diron.

Explicit.

VI. (Fo. 306.)—A poem in rhymed octosyllables entitled "Del Roi Artut." This is the poem known as *Messire Gauvain, ou la Vengeance de Raguidel, par le trovère Raoul*, . . . publié par C. Hippeau, Paris, 1862, octavo (in the "Collection des Poetes français du Moyen Âge"), from a "unique" MS. in London (*Le Bel Inconnu*, ed. Hippeau.

Paris, 1860, p. xxv), and by Mathias Friedwagner, *La Vengeance Raguidel*, as vol. ii of "Raoul von Houdenc Sämtliche Werke," Halle, 1909. The present MS. is superior in age and in language.

Commencement :

[C]e fut el novel tans d'esté
 Que li rois Artus ot esté
 Tot le quareme a Rouelent,
 Et vint a grant plenté de gent
 A Pasques por sa cort tenir,
 A Carlïon, car maintenir
 Volt li rois la costume lors.
 O lui fu li rois Engenors.
 Si i fu li rois Aguisait.
 Mais ja de prince qu'il i ait
 Ne vos tenrai en cest point conte.
 Issi, con la matere conte,
 Li rois tint cort a Carlïon,
 Tuit li prince et tuit li baron
 Furent a la cort asamblé.

It concludes abruptly at fo. 337 *verso* (omitting the ninety following lines of Friedwagner's text):

Se vos volrons tant d'anor faire
 Que tot ensanle o vos iron
 A la cort et garant seron (6090)
 Que Ragidau est bien vengies."
 "Jo ne vuel pas quë i vegniés."

VII. (Fo. 338).—A folio or more are missing, fo. 338 commencing abruptly with 191 lines of an inedited fabliau, the beginning of which is lacking, on the familiar theme of the wish granted to the good man (here by angels in the form of birds) and the three wishes (here with the alternative of maledictions) that bring ruin upon the covetous man, to whom they are in this story given by fallen angels in the form of black birds larger than ravens. Their appearance is described in two lines (94, 95) "Quant il vit venir une torbe, Qui mult estoit hisdeuse et torbe" that recur with a slight change in XII. 167, 168 "Après lui venoit une torbe, Qui mult estoit hisdeuse et torbe," which suggests that the author of this fabliau is also Gauters li Leus.

Commencement :

Deseur le roit s'est estendus.
 Cil laiens parolent a lui :
 "Amis, ne nos faites anui.
 Ne somes pas oisel terestre,
 5 Ancois somes angle celestre.
 Oste te roit, lai nos aler,
 Ni pöomes plus demorer.
 Tu en aras tel gerredon
 Que Dex te fera vrai pardon,

- 10 Et si aras si grant avoir
 Que tu onques volras avoir
 Por sohaidier a une fie."
 Li prodom, qui en Deu se fie,
 Qui n'estoit mie covoteus
- 15 Et del rover estoit honteus,
 Dist : " Je ne vuel ne plus ne mains
 Q'autant qe mes frere Germainis,
 Mais que je l'aie sans pecciét."

The covetous man is the brother, Tiebaus, of "li prodom", and is envious of the latter's sudden prosperity:

- 60 Car vilains, qui plains est d'envie,
 Ne volroit ja tote sa vie,
 Que nus hom qui montast a lui
 Devenist plus riches de lui."

After a wrangle with his wife, he is obliged to surrender to her two of the three wishes. The first, which is uttered by her, resembles that of the mother in the Appendix to Phaedrus, no. 3, is the motiveless one that her infant son may have a beard :

- 170 " Je vos sohaide, sire fils,
 Por ce que estes si pius,
 Que vos aies plus longue barbe
 Que soit li loiens d'une garbe."
 Et il l'eut maintenant en oire,
- 175 Mais ele fu et blanche et noire.
 Dist li vilains : " Sohaide miels,
 Male goute te criet les iels !"
 Cele respont : " voire les vos."

The three wishes thus lead to their loss of sight.

Conclusion :

- 184 Fortune, qui les ot hauciés,
 Les a laidement abasciés.
 Poruec est drois que que nus die
 Que Damerdex celui maudie
 Qui asés a et trop golose,
 Si con fist li rois de Tolose,
- 190 Qui traï sa seror Germainne
 Por avoir le roi Karlem[ainne].

VIII. (Fo. 339).—An inedited fabliau, with the title "Del fol Vilain." It is of a gross nature, as befits its author Gauters li Leus, whom we are able to identify by the aid of No. XI with the hitherto unidentified Gautier who wrote the obscene "Conebert" (No. XIII). The text of the present fabliau extends to 375 lines. It relates a ridiculous trick played upon the villein by the lover of his bride on the bridal night. It mentions Robuedin li Laron (28), Hellines and Godfrois, sons of Mehaut (31), Englebert le Cort of Walecort (50), "Le Segnor Baud[ouins] de Soire" (56), Guinant, "provos de Dinant" (87), Robins de Fellui (140), Gautelos and Roimondins (141), the son of Godefroit Bondins (142),

Mainsens, the bride (188), Robers, her lover (189), Ermenfrois barbe lee (214), Gondeins, Godebers, Warenbaus and Warenbers (215, 216), the ford of Martin son of Herbert, and, as a distant point contrasted with the site of an incident in the story, Meulens (Meulan, in the Department of the Seine-et-Oise). The mentions of Walecort (Walcourt, in Flemish Hainault) is due to the local knowledge of the author (cf. No. XI.).

Commencement :

“ [P]uis qu’il vient a vos tos a bel
 Dire me covient i. fablel,
 Qui n’est de contes ne de rois,
 De garnemens ne de conrois,
 5 Mais d’un grant vilain malostrut,
 Non eut Evrars li fils Tietrut.
 Cille Tietrus fu tote lorde,
 Et si refu et borgne et sorde.
 Ses barons ot non Gonderres ;
 10 Onques ne fu tondus ne res,
 Gros eut le ciéf, les ceviax ros,
 Et nes de cat et huré dors.
 Evrars ses fius fu ausi fais.
 De se matere et de ses fais
 15 Vos volrai ja un poi retraire.”

Conclusion :

370 “ Si ferai co que faire doi.”
 A tant s’en vont dormir andoi,
 Gauters li Leus a tant le lait
 Le conte del fol vilain lait.
 De quanque il fisent puis ce di
 375 Je n’en sai plus ne plus n’en di.”

IX. (Fo. 340 *verso*, col. 2).—A fabliau entitled “ Li Provance de Femme.” This is the fabliau printed under the name of “ La Veuve,” by Gautier le Long (=li Leus ?), in A. de Montaiglon and G. Raynaud, *Recueil général et complet des Fabliaux*, Paris, 1872-1890, ii, 197, from two MSS. in Turin and Paris.

Commencement :

[S]egnor, je vos vuel castoier.
 Tuit devons aler ostoier
 En l’ost dont nus om ne retourne.
 Savés comment on les atorne,
 Caus qui en cele ost sont semons ?
 On les lieve sor ij. limons,
 Puis l’en porte on barbe sovine
 Vers le mostier de grant ravine,
 Et sa molliers le siut après.

Conclusion (Fo. 343 *verso*) :

Je n’i vuel parler plus parfont.
 Feme fait bien que faire doit,
 Li romans faut, dreciés le doit.

The two last lines are not in Montaiglon and Raynaud.

X. (Fo. 343 *verso*, col. 1).—A fabliau entitled “De l’aventure d’Arderene” (the forest of the Ardennes). This is printed under the title of “Du sot chevalier” by Montaiglon and Raynaud i, p. 220. From No. XI. it appears that this fabliau was also written by Gauters le Leus.

Commencement :

[P]uis que je me vuel apoier
 A conter ne a fabloier,
 Je vous doi bien faire savoir,
 Se li leus¹ a tant de savoir
 Con doive autorissier ses dis,
 D’une aventure qui jadis
 Avint en la terre d’Ardane,
 A quatre liues pres d’Andane.

Conclusion (Fo. 345) :

Li cus Walon en fu vermaus,
 Et Pieres en eut une trace,
 Dont li sans remest en la place,
 Et li sos eut apris a foutre.
 A cest mot est li fabliaus oltre.

XI. (Fo. 345, col. 2).—An inedited fabliau, entitled “De ij. Vilains,” by Gauters li Leus, consisting of 180 lines, in addition to two cancelled lines (69, 70), which occur in their proper context in No. VIII., 135, 136. The story is of a gross nature, relating to the mistake made by one of the villeins in the night during their stay in the inn. It mentions Erasce (Arras?) and La Thiérasche, a district in Haute Picardie (Department of the Aisne), the return of the villeins into Ostrevant (now in the Department of the Nord) (169), St. Amand, Marchiennes, and Valenciennes, all in the Department of the Nord (173, 174), which was evidently the locality in which the author lived. In the final quotation he tells us that this is the eleventh fabliau written by him. The personal names mentioned are Rogiers de le Porte, father of one of the villeins (74), Robert lo Part, or Lopart, (objective case, 112), Mainsent, the host’s wife (140).

Commencement :

[G]autiers, qui fist de Conebert
 Et del sot chevaler Robiert,
 Nos aconté d’une aventure
 Qu’il a fait metre en escriture,
 5 Qu’il avint deus vilains d’Erasce,
 Qui s’en alevent en Tierasce.
 Levé furent a la journée.
 Mult fisent cel jor grant journée,
 Qant il furent a ostel trait
 10 Mult furent lassét et estrait.

Conclusion :

Et cil qui eurent pris congiét
 Sont revenu en Ostrevant,

¹ Apparently a reference to the author.

- 170 La dont il furent mut devant,
 Saciés de fit que li goulius
 Le raconta ent a mains lius
 A S. Amant et a Marcienes.
 Uns bacelers de Valencienes,
 175 Qui avoit esté ens el leu,
 Le raconta Gauter le Leu,
 Et il mist le fabel en rime.
 X. en a fait, vés ci l'onsime.
 Car fuscent or si atornées
 180 Totes les dames mestornées,
 Qui ont les maris bons et beax,
 Ses honiscent par lor lembeax.

XII. (Fo. 346, col. 1).—An inedited fabliau, with the added title "De Dieu et dou Pescour", consisting of 240 lines, in addition to two cancelled lines (177, 178), which recur in their proper context in No. XI, 28, 29. The story relates the failure of Judas, St. Peter and ultimately of Our Saviour to obtain fish from the fisherman, an obstinate and didactic person, the appearance of an awe-inspiring troop of figures, headed by Death, who points out other figures bearing the various fevers, etc.

Commencement :

- [G]auters nos dist une proverbe
 Del Segnor qui fait croistre l'erbe,
 Si con il prist anontion
 Et il suï porcession,
 5 Et il ala con hom carnaus
 O ses apostles communaus.
 Si con l'estorie nos aconté
 Dont nos avons estrait cest conte
 Que Dex estoit a Tabarie,¹
 10 S'ert repariés de sa forie,
 O lui estoient si menistre,
 Apostle et evangelistre,
 Judas, qui plus fu emparlés,
 Li sist a son senestre lés.
 15 Se li a dit par grant dangier
 "Sire, nos covenroit mangier,
 Nos ne menjames tres iernuit.
 En ne cuidiés qu'il nos anuit ?"

Conclusion :

- 231 "Envie," fait il, "je t'otroi
 Tant con ensanle en ierent troi,
 Que tu seras tostans li qars.
 De ce ne soies pas coars,
 235 Envie, tu durras tos dis,
 Mais ja n'iras en paradis."
 Ens[i] ceste aventure avint

¹ Tiberias.

Que Dex sans piscons s'en revint,
 Et s'en fu estrais et lassés,
 240 Et li morille en eut assés.

XIII. (Fo. 347 *verso*).—An imperfect fabliau, consisting of 84 lines, with the scribbled title “De Prestre ki pardi [es col]les.” This appears under the correct name “De Connebert” (cf. No. XI above) in Montaiglon and Raynaud, v, p. 160, where it extends to 314 lines.

Commencement :

[G]autiers, qui fist del prestre taint,
 A tant caciet qu'il a ataint
 D'une autre prestre le matire,
 Qui n'eut mie le colle entire
 5 Quant il departi de celui
 Qui li ot fait honte et anui.

 21 Li prestres ot a non Ricars,
 Qui mult estoit fols et musars,
 Et si fu nés de Colencestre,¹
 Et il et trestot si ancestre.

The following occur in a loose quire at the commencement of the volume :

XIV.—A fabliau of 679 lines, the first two columns of which have been partly obliterated by the wear and tear of the outside leaf upon which they are written. This is the fabliau published under the title “De la Dame escolliée” in Montaiglon and Raynaud, vi, p. 95, where it extends only to 618 lines. The Wollaton text has the line
 “Welcome!” crie tot en haut.

instead of (p. 109, line 18)

“Bien vieignoiz!” dit il tot en halt.

The first section of the third column commences :

[A] tant li sires s'entorna,
 Et li cuens après lui ala,
 Si le saluë hautement :
 “Dex saut le segnor et sa gent!”
 5 “Sire cuens, Dex vos beneïe
 Et vostre gente compaignie!” (120)
 Li cuens a dit “herbergiés nos.”
 “No ferai foi que je doi vos,”
 Fait li sire “que ne volrai
 10 Ne ja ne m'en entremetrai.”
 “Si feres par vostre francisse.” (125)
 “No ferai voir en nule guisse.”
 “Avoi! beax sire, par amor
 Nos herbergiés descî qu'al jor.”
 15 “No ferai en nule maniere,
 Ne par amor ne par proiere.” (130)

¹ This is curiously explained by Montaiglon and Raynaud as “Gloster.”

La dame l'ot et vient avant,
 Qui ja fera le sien conmant
 "Sire cuens, bien soiés venus !
 Liëment serés retenus.
 Descendés !" Tost il descendirent.

XV.—A fabliau with the scribbled title "Des iij. Comandemens." It is printed under the title "Des Putains et des Lecheors" in Montaignon and Raynaud, iii, p. 175, and in Wright, *Anecdota Literaria*, p. 64. The four lines at the beginning are not in the printed texts.

Commencement :

- 1 [U]n fablel veritable et cort,
 Cortois pur recovrer en cort,
 Vos conterai, si l'escoutés,
 Car mult doit bien estre escoltés.
 5 Qant Dex ot estoré le monde,
 Si con il est a la roönde,
 Et qanke il covins dedens
 Trois ordenes esgarda de gens,
 Qu'il fist el siecle demorans,
 10 Chevalers, clers, et laborans.

Conclusion :

En tel gent sont bien emploié
 Des rentes, des dimes li bien, (105)
 Car cest conmant gardent il bien
 Deseur tos les autres et font.
 S[i] cis fableaux dist voir, donc sont
 De cest conmant li clerc sauvé
 Et tuit li chevaler danné.

XVI.—A poem of 127 lines, with the title scribbled in the margin in a thirteenth century hand "Li Dis Raoul de Hosdaing." The poem is an addition to the works of this able poet. The portion from line 11 to the end appears, with considerable alterations, omissions, etc., and with a prologue of the *jongleur*, in "Le Borjois Borjon," printed from a Berne MS. by Thomas Wright in his *Anecdota Literaria*, London, 1844, p. 57. The text in the Wollaton MS. commences :

- [E]ncontre le dolc tans qui vient
 Me plaist, por ce qu'il m'en sovient,
 Que je die un fablel novel.
 J'ai tort qant je fablel l'apel,
 5 Car ce n'est mie fabliaus : non,
 Il n'a de fablel fors le non,
 Car li dit en sont veritable,
 Por tant l'apel fablel sans fable,
 Que Raols de Hosdaing commence,
 10 Et si nos dist en sa sentence
 Q'onors deciet et honte avive,
 Ja nus qui de demander vive
 Por beax mos ne por bel parler,

Por solas ne por vieler,
 15 Por deduit ne por rien qu'il die
 N'enconterra mais cortesie."

Conclusion :

120 Onques nul borjois ne conui
 Qui povre chevaler amast,
 Ne qui volontiers s'acostast
 De leceor a povre robe.
 Borjois n'ainme ome s'il nel robe,
 125 Ja tant n'iert sages ne cortois,
 Un tel borjon ont li borjois."

XVII.—A fabliau with the scribbled title "De l'Arme ki wagna (?) Paradis par plait." This is the fabliau "Du Vilain qui conquist Paradis par Plait," printed by Montaiglon and Raynaud, iii, p. 209.

Commencement :

[N]os trovomes en escriture
 Une mervellose aventure,
 Qui jadis avint d'un vilain.
 Mors fu par un Venresdi main.
 Tels aventure li avint
 Q'angles ne deables ne vint.

Conclusion :

Noreture vaint mais nature,
 Fausetes amorte droiture,
 Tors va avant et drois a orce,
 Mels valt engiens que ne fait force. (180)

XVIII.—Fifteen lines, finishing with the last page of the quire, of a fabliau, with the scribbled title "De le Cugnie," as follows :

[U]ns fevres fist une cuignié
 Dure, trencant et bien forgié
 Mais onques ne s'en peut aidier
 Ne rien n'en pöoit detrencier
 5 Devant qu'ele fust enmancié,
 Adont fu bien aparellié.
 El bos ala por demander
 A cascun fust qu'il pot trover
 Au quel il li loënt entendre,
 10 Dont il pëust j. mance prendre.
 Li fust ont ensanle parlé,
 Communement li ont löé
 Que il prenge la noire espine,
 Neis l'escorce et la racine,
 15 En est mult dure a depecier.

This is the commencement of Marie de France's Æsopian fable "De Fabro et Securi" (ed. by Karl Warnke, *Die Fabeln der Marie de France*, Halle, 1898, p. 168, in Hermann Suchier's *Bibliotheca Normannica*, vol. VI).

A volume of 76 folios, measuring $9\frac{1}{2}$ inches by $12\frac{1}{2}$, written in double columns in a French book-hand of about the middle of the thirteenth century, containing a portion of "Le Petit Saint Graal", which is known also as the "Roman de Joseph d'Arimathie", a portion of the great "Saint Graal" of Robert de Borron (*Le Saint-Graal, ou Le Joseph d'Arimathie*, . . . publié . . . par Eugène Hucher, three vols, Le Mans, 1875-1878).

Commences (= Huchet, ii, 466) :

"Molt durerent longuement cil arbres en tel color e en tel beauté com vos avéz oï deviser el conte, ne onques ne vielli ne ne chanja ne ne sécha, ne de nul rien n'enpoira, fors de tant seulement qu'il ne porta puis icele heure que li Sans Abealx [Abel the son of Adam and Eve] fu desot expanduz ne flors ne fruit."

The title of the pretended story cited by Borron appears at fol. 12v, col. 2 : "Cist contes, qui est apelez 'Le Conte del Saint Graal,' devise que quant li home li roi Label orent pris Celydoine," etc. (=Hucher, ii. 533).

Conclusion : "Ceste aventure fu nonciée par le païs, e tant que li chevaler i venoient tuit, e povre e riche, si tost com il estoient navré, e garisioint maintenant. Un jour avint que par devant la tonbe passoit j. lion, e aloit chacant j. cerf, qu'il a consuii iluec devant ; si le prist e occist, e en ce qu'il le voloit mangier, si vint d'autre part j. autres lions gëuns e fameilleus, qui le voloit la proie tolr." . . . (= Hucher, iii, p. 306).

"Si se test ore li contes de totes les ligniées qui de Celydoine oissirent, e retourne a une autre estoire de Merlin, qu'il covient ajoster ensemble que fine force avec l'estoire del Saint Graal, porce que branche en est e i appartient, e comence mes Sires," which is followed by part of the initial "R[obert de Borron le branche en tel manier]," (This passage is found in Hucher, iii, p. 307). The MS. is incomplete, for half the page is torn away, and the whole of the back of the half-page is left blank. The last sentence appears as "Si commence Merlin Roberts de Borron en tel maniere" in the MS. described in *Notices et Extraits des MSS.*, xxxiv, p. 166.

The MS. contains jottings here and there in a slightly later French hand, and also (fo. 75) : "Hic est numerus ordeï, frumenti et fabarum, que habeo penes Jametam (?) Lamenza . (?) in villa de Plesseiaco." There is also the commencement of a deed : "A toux ceus qi cestes lettres verront ou orrunt, Roger, . . . , evesque de Coventr' et de Lycheffeld," etc., probably referring to Roger de Northburgh, 1322-1359, the latest bishop who bore the Christian name of Roger.

Six leaves, measuring $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches by 6 inches, of a legal work in an early fourteenth century hand, beginning : "Et sic adnichilatur processus habitus in ipso comitatu, quia hic non

habet comitatus recordum. Hinc autem perhimitur processus inde habitus et stat breve. Petens autem quicumque¹ fuerit moderata gracia semper potest habere *pone*. Supponendum est enim, quod procrastinatio petitionis non prejudicat occupanti, verbi gracia: si peterem a te fundum hodie mihi restitui quod me procurante defertur," etc. Conclusion: "Quot autem fuerunt deforciantes nominati in brevi, tociens repetatur *cape*." This is part of Ralph Hengham's *Summa Magna*, c. 4 (pp. 9-16 of Selden's text, from which it varies occasionally). 24

A folio MS., measuring 15¼ inches by 10½, of John Gower's "Confessio Amantis," in English and French, of the early part of the fifteenth century. It is of value for textual purposes, and has been described by Professor G. C. Macaulay in his edition of the poet's works, vol. ii, p. clvi.

Large folio service book, formerly belonging to the church of Wollaton, with richly illuminated borders and initials, on parchment, in a fifteenth century hand, rubricated in red. On a blank page preceding the calendar, which occurs about the middle of the volume, is written:

"Orate pro anima Willelmi Husse, quondam rectoris istius ecclesie de Wollaton, cujus bonorum ministratores istum librum pro decem marcis emerunt, et illum librum pro divino servicio ibidem celebrando imperpetuum dicte ecclesie dederunt. Insuper alienanti anathema sit."

The preceding folios contain copies of receipts for payments of subsidies for Wollaton and Sutton Passeys on 12 May, 4 Henry VIII, 2 October, 6 Henry VIII, and 13 Henry VII.

The calendar has the following entries, in different hands, of obits:

"Januarii v Idus [Jan. 9]. Obitus Domine Margarete Legh, anno Domini millesimo CCCC^{mo} LXXX^{mo}, littera Dominicali B."

"Januarii xvij. kal. [Jan. 16]. Obitus Domini Johannis Yngulby, capellani, anno Domini Millesimo CCCC^{mo} LXXX^{mo} quinto, littera Dominicalis A."

"Maii v. Non. [May 3]. Obitus Henrici Smyth, patris Ricardi Smyth, quondam Rectoris de Wollaton, anno Domini Millesimo CCCC^o XIIJ^o, cujus anime propicietur Deus. Amen."

"Maii iij. Non. [May 5]. Obitus Domini Willielmi Cowper, capellani, anno Domini Millesimo CCCC^{mo} LXX^{mo} quinto, littera Dominicali A."

"Maii v. Idus. [May 11]. Obitus Domini Henrici Wylughby, militis, anno Domini Millesimo CCCC^o XXVIIJ^o, littera Dominicali D. Et sepultus est isto die apud Wollaton, anno predicto." [This latter sentence is written against

¹ *quicumque*, MS.

"iij. Id. Maii, [D]edicacio ecclesie de Wollaton. Principale festum."]

"Maii iij. Id. [May 12]. Obitus Johanne Smyth, uxoris predicti Henrici et matris predicti Ricardi, anno Domini Millesimo CCCC^o XXX^o, littera Dominicali B, cujus anime propicietur Deus. Amen."

"Julii vj. Non. [July 2]. Obitus Roberti Wyloghby, armigeri."

"Augusti xij. kal. [Aug. 21]. Obitus Johannis Ilkston, fratris Roberti Ilkston, quondam Rectoris ecclesie de Wollaton, anno Domini Millesimo CCCC^{mo} octuagesimo octavo, littera Dominicali E."

"Augusti xvj. kal. [July 17]. Obitus Roberti Lawrans, quondam Rectoris de Wollaton et Averham, anno Domini Millesimo D. XVII^o, littera Dominicalis D, cujus anime, etc."

"Septembris xv. kal. [Sept. 17]. Obitus Domini Willemi Husse, quondam Rectoris hujus ecclesie, anno Domini M. CCCC^o LX^o."

"Octobris Nonas [Oct. 7]. Obitus Ricardi Wyloghby, armigeri."

"Octobris viij. Id. [Oct. 8]. Obitus Elizabeth Hardwy."

"Octobris ix. kal. [Oct. 24]. Obitus Anne Wyllughby, anno Domini Millesimo CCCC^o XIII^o, littera Dominicalis A."

Among the illuminations occur the following arms, which are connected with the Notts family of Chaworth of Wiverton.

1. Quarterly one and four, az. two chevrons or (Alfreton, later Chaworth); two and three, arg. an inescutcheon within an orle of cinquefoils sable (Caltofte, cf. Thoroton, *Antiquities of Notts*, p. 107). Crest: A tower proper with arg. a mass of feathers (?) issuing from it.

2. No. 1 impaling quarterly one and four, az. a cross arg. (Aylesbury); two and three, or three palets gu., on a bordure az. thirteen bezants or (Basset of Weldon). Crest: a bull sa. armed or.

3. Gu., a fesse dancetty, between eight billets or, four and four (Brett of Wiverton, cf. Thoroton, p. 107). Crest: A man's head gu., garlanded arg.

4. Quarterly one and four, az. two chevrons or (Alfreton); two and three, arg. two lions passant gu. (Randolph; cf. Thoroton, p. 108b).

5. Quarterly Alfreton and barry of six, arg. and gu., three martlets sa. (Chaworth; cf. *Parl. Writs*, i, p. 420a).

6. Quarterly arg. two lions passant gu., and Alfreton. Crest: a lion's (?) head, sa. langued gu.

7. Quarterly Alfreton and Brett (as in No. 3).

8. Aylesbury (as in No. 2) and Basset of Weldon (as in No. 2). Crest: a dragon's (or bird's ?) head or, langued gu.

A thick volume, in gatherings of ten folios, of about demi-octavo size, written on parchment in a bold, fifteenth century hand, rubricated in red, in original binding,

containing homilies in English verse. This is the work entitled "Speculum Vitae," ascribed to William of Nassington, which has not yet been printed. Some extracts from it, derived from other MSS., are given by Ullman in *Englische Studien*, vol. vii, p. 468 *sqq.*

Commencement :

Almyghty God in Trinite,
 In whom onely ben persones thre,
 Fader and sone and Holy Gost,
 þat ben on God, as we trow most,
 Spede us now at þis begynnyng,
 And graunt us alle good endyng,
 And ȝif me grace suche wordes to say
 þat may be most god to pay,
 And to þo fende schame and schenschip
 And to God lovyng and worschip,
 And to you þat heres me also
 Hele of soule, and to alle þoo
 þat have nede of good counsail,
 And mede to me for my travail.
 Preyeth alle nowe for charite
 Specialy þat it so be,
 And þer to þat eche man with good wille
 Biddeþ a *pater noster* stille.

The following interesting passage occurs at fo. 1 verso :

I warne ȝou first at þo bigynnyng
 I wol make no veyn karpyng
 Of dedes of armes ne of amours,
 As don mynstrales and jestours,
 þat maken karpyng in many place
 Of Octavyan and Ysambrace,
 And of many oþer gestes,
 Namely when þei come to festes,
 Ne of þe lyf of Bevys of Hampton'
 þat was a knyght of gret renoun,
 Ne of Sir Gy of Warwyk,
 Al ȝif it myght somme men lyk,
 I þenke my karpyng schal not be,
 For I hold þat noght bot vanite.
 Bot þis schal be my karpyng,
 To karpe of most nedeful þyng
 þat sikerest is for soule and lif
 To man, womman, mayde, and wif.
 þefore, gode men þat ben here,
 Lysteneþ to me and ȝe may here
 How ȝe schal her' rewle your lif
 And governe wel ȝour' wittes fif,
 How ȝe schul folowe God's wille,
 And knowe boþe gode and ille,
 And what ȝe schal chese, and what forsake,
 And what wei ȝe schal to Hevene take,

In Engsysch tonge I schal 3ou telle,
 3if 3e so longe with me wil dwelle,
 Ne Latyn wil I speke ne waste,
 Bot Englysch þen usen maste,
 For þat is 3our' kynde langage
 þat 3e have most her' of usage,
 þat kan eche man understonde
 þat is boren in Engelonde,
 For þat langage is most schewed
 As wel among lered as lewed.
 Latyn, as I trowe, can nane
 Bot þoo þat have it at scole tane.
 Somme kan Frensch and no Latyn
 þat used have court and dwelled þerin,
 And somme kan of Latyn a party
 þat kan French ful febelly,
 And sòmme understonden Englysch
 þat kan nouþer Latyn ne Frensch.
 Bot lered and lewed, olde and 3onge,
 Alle understonden Englysch tonge.
 þefore I hold it most siker þan
 To schewe þo langage þat eche man kan,
 And for lewede men namely
 þat can no maner of clergy
 To ken hem wer' most nede,
 For clerkus kan boþe se and rede
 In dyverse bokes of Holy Writ
 How þei schul lif 3if þei loke it.
 þefore I wol me holly halde
 To þat langage þat Englysch is kalde.

The rubrics are: "De dignitate Orationis Dominice; Decem precepta; De xij. articulis Fidei; De humilitate in corde; De humilitate in ore; De humilitate in opere; De septem virtutibus; De vita activa; De vita contemplativa; De superbia; De humilitate; De invidia; De amicitia; De ira; De equitate; De accidia; De virtute probitatis; De confessione; Peccata cordis; Peccata oris; Peccata operis; Peccata omissionis; De confessione; Bellum Mundi; Bellum Diaboli; De avaritia; De latrocinio; De predonibus; De calumpnia; De sacrilegio; De symonia; De malignitate; De falsis mercatoribus; De ludo temerario; De officio temerario; De misericordia; Opera misericordie spiritualia; De elemosina; De dono intellectus; De luxuria; De castitate; De statu virginum et corruptorum; De statu conjugatorum; De statu viduetatis; De statu virginitatis; De statu clericorum; De statu religiosorum; De dono sapientie; De gula; De gula in taberna; Peccatum male lingue; De perfectione; De sobrietate et temperantia; De Beatitudinibus."

Conclusion :

To whiche blisse He bringe alle, our Lord
 God almyghty. Ame[n]. *Jesus est amor meus.*

A large folio MS., measuring $22\frac{1}{4}$ inches by $15\frac{1}{2}$, in fifteenth century writing, with richly illuminated initials, borders, etc., containing the English version, which was completed at Berkeley on 6 February, 6 Richard II (1383), of Bartholomew (Glanville) "De Proprietatibus Rerum." At the end is written: "Explicit Tract[at]us, qui vocatur 'Bartholomeus de Proprietatibus Rerum,' Chaworth." It is followed by "The Abbey of þe Holy Gost."

A very large and thick octavo service book, in a fifteenth century hand, with richly illuminated initials, commencing, after the calendar, with "Omnibus dominicis per annum post Primam et capitulum fiat benedictio salis et aque ad gradum chori capa serica sacerdote cum aliis vestibus induto sacerdotalibus, hoc modo incipiente" (part of the Gradale).

A 15th century MS. bound in beech boards covered with stamped leather, with richly illuminated initials. The pages measure 12 inches by 8. It is a volume of prayers, commencing: "Summe sacerdos et vere pontifex qui te optulisti Deo patri hostiam puram et immaculatam in ara crucis pro nobis miseris peccatoribus." It ends with "*De angelis oratio*. Obsecro vos, angelici Spiritus, quibus ego ad providendum et custodiendum commissus sum, ut custodiatis et protegatis me in corpore et anima ab omni hostili incursu," etc.

A thick volume in original binding, measuring $7\frac{1}{4}$ inches by $10\frac{1}{2}$ inches, containing English translations of the Statutes from 1 Edward III to 20 Henry VI. At the end of the Statutes for 18 Henry VI is written, in a contemporary hand: "Iste liber constat Willelmo Coote, de Conyngesby, legi periti" (*sic*).

A quarto volume of parchment in covers of the same, containing English translations of documents relating to Sherwood Forest and the Forest Laws, written in a hand that the inspector recognises as that of William Easingwold, Town Clerk of Nottingham from about 1478 to about 1506 (see *Records of the Borough of Nottingham*, iii, p. ix.). It is a translation of the official Forest book, and agrees largely with the Sherwood Forest Book in the Public Record Office (Exchequer, Treasury of Receipt, Miscellaneous Books, No. 76), which is written for the greater part in an early fifteenth century hand. The contents are mainly taken from the rolls of justices in Eyre for pleas of the Forest in Notts in 15 Edward I and 8 Edward III (Exchequer, Treasury of Receipt, Forest Proceedings, Nos. 127, 132). References are appended to sixteenth century translations in Robert White's *Dukery Records*, Worksop, 1902. The contents are as follows:

Forest charter of Henry III [*Statutes of the Realm*, i, 'Charters of Liberties,' p. 20].

1253, May 13.—Curse pronounced against breakers of Magna Carta and the Charter of the Forest by the archbishop of Canterbury and other bishops by consent of the king and his nobles (fo. A 2 verso). [*Fœdera*, i, p. 289; Stubbs, *Select Charters*, eighth edition, p. 373; White, p. 404.]

1227, February 9. Writ (described in error as xx Henry III instead of xj) to the "rewarders" of Shirewod Forest, notifying them that the king has pardoned "the walkers" (*i.e.* perambulators) of the forest their error in the perambulation (fo. A 3). [*Patent Rolls of Henry III, 1225-1232*, p. 109; White, p. 405.]

[c. 1189]. Grant by John, "Erle of Morton," to "Rauff the sonne of Stevyn and Maude Caux, his wyffe," of the custody, etc., of the Forest of cos. Nottingham and Derby (fo. A 3 verso). [Eyre Roll No. 132, ro. 31, 33d; White, p. 405.]

1252, July 4. Inquisition taken at St. John's Hospital, Nottingham, concerning all the ministers of the aforesaid forest and concerning the estate of Robert Everyngham, Forester in Fee of the same, which describes the divisions, etc., of the Forest. [White, p. 406.]

1232, July 16. Letters Patent of Henry III, confirming and reciting the perambulation of the Forest made by Hugh Nevell and "Brian of the Ile", whereby the part of Nottinghamshire called "The Cley" and the part called "Hatfeld" are disafforested (fo. A 4 verso). [*Calendar of Charter Rolls, 1226-1257*, p. 165; White, p. 406.]

Undated. Boundaries of the Hays and woods of the aforesaid Forest, to wit Lyndeby Haye, Welley Haye, Beskewod Parke, [Bestwood Park], Clypston Parke, Bilhagh and Brikland [Birkland] Haye, Fulwode Wode [parish of Hucknall-under-Huthwaite], the wood of Owthesland [Osland Wood, near Thoresby, parish of Perlethorpe], the wood of Clumber, Carberton Wode, Kyngeshagh [Kingshaugh, parish of Darlton], Bulwell Ryse, Arnall [Arnold] woods and demesnes, the woods of the Hye Forest, Lyndehurst Wode, the wastes of Kygyll and Ravenshead,¹ the township of Edynstowe [Edwinstowe], the lordship of Clipston outside the Park, the demesnes of Mamsfeld Wodehouse (fo. A 5). [White, p. 408.]

[1146-1148]. Grant by Gilbert Gaunt, earl of Lincoln, to the monks of Reyvall (Rievaulx, co. York) of the manor and town of Rufford [co. Notts]² "to make an abbey of the order of Cisternensis [*i.e.*, the Cistercian order] in the honour of Seint Marie the Virgyn" (fo. A 9). [White, pp. 214, 408.]

¹ Cf. Dugdale, *Monasticon*, vi. p. 474, no. II.

² Cf. *Rievaulx Chartulary*, p. 252, Surtees Society (where it is erroneously identified with Rufforth, co. York) and *Monasticon*, v, p. 518, No. 1.

[1146-1154]. Confirmation of the preceding by King Stephen. [White, pp. 214, 410.]

[1155-1162]. Confirmation of the same by Henry II. [*Calendar of Charter Rolls*, iii, p. 293; White, p. 215.]

1304, July 7. Writ of Ad quod Dampnum, dated at Mitynley [misreading of 'Striuelyn,' *i.e.* Stirling] to enquire whether it would be to the king's damage if he were to grant to the abbot of Rufford licence to fell, sell, or do what he will with 40 acres of his wood within the aforesaid Forest (fo. A 10). [Chancery Inquisitions ad Quod Damnum, file 45, no. 2; White, pp. 215, 410.]

1304. Inquisition taken in accordance with the said writ at Edynstowe (Edwinstow, co. Notts), 32 Edward I. [*Ibid.*]

1304, Sept. 16. Writ of Privy Seal of Edward [I], dated at Tynemouth, to his chancellor, ordering him to make a grant of the preceding to the abbot and convent under the great seal (A 10 verso). [*Cf. Calendar of Patent Rolls, 1301-1307*, p. 258; White, p. 410.]

1304, Sept. 16. Writ to Robert Clifford, "justice of his Forest a this side Trent," ordering him to permit the said abbot to dispose of the wood aforesaid as above in accordance with the king's grant by letters patent.

[1304]. Copy of return by the ministers of the Forest of the acres delivered in pursuance of the preceding grant. "First, there be assigned iij. acres and an half, conteynyng xv.C. okes in Northwode, solde to Walter Bunkes for lxix*li.* xviijs. viij*d.*; also at Wulfcliff was oon acre assigned that conteyneth ix.^{xx} okes, sold to John of Lyndeby for ix*li.* xs.; also there be assigned at the Crossyd Oke iiij. acres, the whiche conteyneth a M.CCC. okes, sold to Frere Robert for lxij*li.* xjs. viij*d.*; also in the Forsworne Wode is assigned oon acre, etc., sold to Richard of Clifton for xv*li.*; also in Beskall is assigned oon acre, etc., sold to John Bythewater of Edenstowe, Roger the sonne of Rauff of the same towne, and to Gilbert of Hyll of Clipston for x*li.* And non more is had in this boke for the blyndenenes [*i.e.* illegibility] of the first copy, etc." (fo. A 11).

1287, January 14. Pleas of the Forest held at Notyngham, before William Vessy, Thomas Normanvyle, and Richard Gryppyng, justices in eyre for pleas of the Forest, on the morrow of St. Hilary, 15 Edward III (*rectius* Edward I), concerning the taking of trees and underwood by the abbots of Rufford from the 47 Henry III. to 15 Edward III (*rectius* Edward I), the trees being taken by virtue of charters of the abbey. [Eyre Roll No. 127, ro. 7, 8, 9.]

[c. 1300.] Bounds of the woods and wastes of Southwell, the property of the archbishop of York of the "barony of Sothwell," within the forest of Sherwood "in the tyme of John Roman, archebisshop of York" (fo. A 11 *verso*). [White, p. 409.]

[c. 1300.] Bounds of a wood called "Haywode," "som-tyme Rauff Bugge's of Notyngham and after Richard Byngham's, knight, and hit apperteyneth to the towne of Byngham" [Haywood Oaks, near Blidworth.] (fo. A 1 2). [Ibid.]

[c. 1232]. The bounds of the woods and wastes of the abbey of Rufford within the forest, "remaynyng after the jorney [= eyre] of Hugh Nevyl and after the departyng out of the forest of diverse land in the counte of Notyngham by the same Hugh Nevyl, justice of the Forest, etc." [referring to the Perambulation of 1232, *Calendar of Patent Rolls*, Henry III, p. 165] (fo. A. 11 *verso*). [Ibid.]

1297, May 30 (*rectius* 28). "A writte to make the reward, and the maner of the makyng of the reward, in the tyme of kyng Edward, the sonne of kyng Henry, afore the commyng of the justices of the forest," being letters Close of Edward I., dated at Cravenbroke, May 30, anno 25, and the *capitula* of the regard (fo. A 13). [*Calendar of Close Rolls, 1296-1302*, p. 110].

[c. 1230.] Writ of Hugh Nevill, justice of the forest, to the sheriff to cause jurors to come to enquire into the state of the forest (fo. A 14).

1301, February 29. Writ of Edward I., dated at Lincoln, granting, in consideration of the fifteenth granted to him by the commonalty of the realm, that the perambulation made by John of Lithegreynys and his fellows in the forest in the county of Nottingham shall be observed, and copy of the perambulation, which was made on Friday after St. Barnabas, 29 Edward I. (fo. A 14 *verso*).

[1272-1307]. Assise of the forest of Edward I. (fo. A 15 *verso*). [An amplification of the Assize of Woodstock, 1184.]

1287, January 20. "Oder estatutes of the forest ordeigned by William Vessye and his felowes, justices of the forest goyng [*i.e.* in eyre] to hold the plees of the forest at Notyngham, etc." in the octaves of St. Hilary, 15 Edward [I]. (fo. B 2). [Eyre Roll No. 127, ro. 10d.]

1305-6. New statutes of the Forest made by Edward I. in the 34th year of his reign (fo. B 2 *verso*). [*Statutes of the Realm*, i, p. 147.]

[1311-12]. Other statutes made by the same (*sic*) king, commencing "Pur ceo que common fame est ovesque ceo, etc."

(fo. B 3 verso). (Pages left blank for insertion of English version of these statutes.) ['New Ordinances,' 5 Edward II, c. 18, *Statutes of the Realm*, i, p. 160.]

Undated. "Diverse writtes ordeigned for the forest, and the first writte is a *venire facias* agayn the commying of the Justices of the forest into their jorney, etc." (fo. B 5).

Undated. The articles to be enquired before the justices of the forest in eyre (fo. B 5 verso).

1357, July 3. Regard of Sherwood Forest begun the fifth Nones of July, 31 Edward III., giving an account of the old and of the new assarts, the old and the new purprestures, the wastes of the woods that are not the demesnes of knights and others in the regard, the wastes of the woods and hays of the king, and the number of the stocks taken out of the demesne woods, and of "blittrons"¹ and the "hynderyng" of branch-wood after the last regard, the names of those that have taken stubs, stocks, "blittrons,"¹ and cartloads of branch-wood out of the demesne woods to sell, presented in this regard (fo. B 8 verso).

Undated. The measures of acres and roods of arable land and meadow without the covert of the forest, of the king's hays and demesne woods, and the measure of acres and roods in forests and in the king's hays and demesne woods and wastes, after the assize of the Forest made in the time of Edward I. (fo. C. 3 verso).

[1289], April 8. Writ of Edward III. [*rectius* I.] to William Vesey, justice of the Forest beyond Trent, ordering him to certify the king concerning the bailiwick that Robert Everingham, deceased, had in Sherwood forest, which was taken into the king's hands by William and his fellows for a trespass committed by the said Robert, and copy of the inquisition (fo. C. 4 verso). [*Calendar of Inquisitions post Mortem*, ii. p. 393; Eyre Roll No. 132, ro. 9d.]

1298, May 28. Letters Patent of Edward [I], dated at York, appointing Harstulph (*sic*) of Cleseby and Richard Oyzell, to arrent the wastes of the king's soil and of the soil of others in forests, parks, woods and hays on this side Trent, and to sell wood, etc. [*Calendar of Patent Rolls, 1292-1301*, p. 352], and copy of the arrentation made by Oyzell in execution of the said order (fo. C. 5 verso). [Eyre Roll No. 132, ro. 24.]

1272-3. Extracts from the first [Pipe] roll of Edward I. concerning rents of wastes, etc. (fo. C. 6 verso). [*Ibid.*]

[1298]. Copies of the bills sent to the chancellor by Oyzell to make charters for the wastes arrented by him. (fo. C 7 verso).

¹ Branches, sprouts, etc. (Old French *bleteron*).

[1272-3]. Extracts from the great roll [of the Pipe] of 1 Edward I. concerning rents of wastes, etc., "in the residue of Notyngham and Derby" (fo. C. 8).

1304, May 20. Copy of the enrolment of letters Patent of Edward I., dated at Stirling, May 20, *anno* 32, granting to the prior and convent of Newstead 180 acres of waste within Sherwood Forest, arrented by Oyzell (fo. C. 9 *verso*). [*Calendar of Patent Rolls, 1301-1307*, p. 205.]

1304, July 7. Copy of enrolment of Letters Patent of Edward I., dated at Stirling, granting to Thomas of the Hays 38 acres of waste in Sherwood Forest, arrented to him by Oyzell (fo. C. 10). [*Ibid.*, p. 206.]

1305, February 2. Copy of the enrolment of letters Patent of Edward I., dated at Walsingham, granting to John Colyer of Lyndeby 30 acres of waste in the said forest, arrented to him by Oyzell (fo. C. 10 *verso*). [*Ibid.*, p. 310.]

1430-1. Extracts from the Memoranda Rolls L.T.R. Michaelmas, 9 Henry VI, containing extracts from the great roll of the Pipe, 9 Henry VI, relating to small parcels of the forest aforesaid (fo. C. 11).

1253-4. Like extracts from the Pipe roll 28 [read 38] Henry III. [Eyre Roll No. 132, ro. 23].

1289-90. Like extracts from the Pipe Roll 17 Edward I.

1446-7. Account of Geoffrey Kneton, constable of Nottingham castle and clerk of the forest, 25 Henry VI., relating to the towns and hamlets in the forest of the king's ancient demesne, and of their rents, and of divers assarts, and of the said castle (fo. C. 14). [Deering, *Nottinghamia Vetus et Nova*, 1751, p. 172.]

[1216-1272.] Grant by Henry III. to the abbot of Rufford of licence to enclose their ground called "Beskall" and 40 acres of land adjoining the abbey (fo. D. 2).

1287, January 14. Plea of the forest, before Sir William Vesey, Thomas Furnyvall, and Richard Grippyng, at Nottingham, on the morrow of St. Hilary, 15 Edward III. (*rectius* Edward I.), between the men of Clipston and Edynstow, and the abbot of Rufford, the men complaining that the abbot's forester, "Frere William," had prevented them from pulling and gathering "lynge, gorste, herbe, and leffe" in the abbot's wood of Rufford, which they allege that they had been wont to do from time out of mind, but it is found that they did so by the grace of the abbot only (fo. D. 2 *verso*). [Eyre Roll No. 127, ro. 16d; White, p. 225.]

[1204, May 4]. Copy of the charter of king John, granting to Hugh Nevyll the manor of Blakston [near Ollerton, co. Notts] and 20 acres of assart in that manor quit of regard and view of foresters, and the manor of Arnehall [Arnold, co. Nottingham], and 90 acres of assart in the same manor quit of regard and view (fo. D 3). [*Rot. Chartarum*, 5 John, mem. 5, p. 128.]

1307, March 13. Customal of the tenants of the manor of Arnall [Arnold], presented on the Monday after St. Gregory the Pope, 35 Edward I. and 1 Edward II. (fo. 3 verso).

1334. Copy of proceedings in a plea of *Quo Warranto* against William Melton, archbishop of York, concerning the holding by him of pleas of trespass of vert committed in his woods and in his soil within the forest of Sherwood after the time of the disafforesting of the Cley [the Clay division of the Wapentake of Bassetlaw, co. Nottingham] (fo. D. 6). [Eyre Roll No. 132, ro. 25.]

1334. Copy of proceedings in *Quo Warranto* against the abbot of Welbeck, concerning the enclosing of 40 acres of wood in Rumwood with Carberton Storth (fo. D. 9). [Ibid. ro. 25d.]

1334. Copy of proceedings in *Quo Warranto* against the the prior of Worksop, concerning the taking by him of two cartloads of ling daily in Rumwod [=Roomwood in Welbeck Park] and Outheslond [Osland Wood, parish of Pearlthorpe. Both in Sherwood Forest] (fo. D. 9). [Ibid. ro. 25.]

1303. Copy of proceedings in the eyre of the Forest, before William Vescy and his fellows, 31 Edward I, against the prior of Worksop on the presentment of the regards that the prior had usurped upon the king 13 acres of waste and wood under pretext of assarting 40 acres in the wood of Rumwood (fo. D 11, 9 verso). [Ibid. ro. 25.]

[1287.] Extract from the rolls of the eyre relating to the to the amoval from office by the justices of Robert Everyngham, chief forester of the forest of Sherwood, because the books of attachments of the said forest contained numerous erasures (fo. D 11). [Eyre Roll No. 127, ro. 5d; No. 132, ro. 9d.]

Undated. The oath of the foresters, and the oath of the woodwards (fo. D. 12).

There are added, in a hand of the middle of the sixteenth century, copies of inquisitions, the assize of the forest, etc. The book is continued in hands of this period from fo. D. 12 verso, with the oath of the bow-bearer; the oath of the 'swanymote,' the perambulations of the forest, 21 Henry VII., and 30 Henry VIII. [White, p. 401]; the customs of

the manors of Horeston, Bollesover [co. Derby], Southwell and Warsop [co. Notts.]; 6 April, 1564, articles for the reformation of sundry disorders in the forests, etc., of the queen on the north side of the Trent to be put into execution by the justice of the forest there; the customal of Mansfield; and the customal of Edwinstow. 204 (293).

1339.—Outer leaves of a quire of a Year Book, Michaelmas Term, 13 Edward III., commencing: "acceptaunt que le plee y avoit enter nous de la prise de mesme lez bestez, auxi com nous conucamus, quel prise se covent par lei esse entendu devaunt le temps de bref purchasé," etc. The names mentioned are Shardelowe and Aldeburgh [justices], and Pole and Gayn-[ford], counsel. The next case is a *Quare Impedit* brought by Walter de Elingham against John, bishop of Exeter (1327-1369), and Thomas de Stapelton. The counsel are Stou[ford], Parvyng, Shar[schulle], Herle, Wilbi. The other leaf commences: "et covient que le bref comprend que la matere et la cause (?) de la propreté fuist par force d'un tiel fraunchise par taunt ne cherra pas le fraunchis en triement par cestui bref," etc. The names mentioned are Shar[schulle], Derworth, Aldeb[urgh], Wodestok, Stou[ford], Parvyng, R. Thorp. The case is a claim of estray by an abbot (of Glastonbury, cf. Pyke, *Year Book*, 13 and 14 *Edward III.*, p. 135). It is followed by an action for ravishment of ward by Henry Fitzhugh of Ramneswath against Elizabeth [Spring] (cf. Pyke, p. 146, where "of Ravensworth" is supplied from the record), and an action for dower in a tenement in Butterwik. 24.

1474-1492.—Register of the Abbey of Burton-on-Trent, compiled by Thomas Felde, the abbot.

A large folio-sized volume, measuring 24 inches by 18½ inches, containing 55 folios, bound in a portion of a fifteenth century service book, with a richly illuminated initial. The volume is entitled: "Hic incipit liber vocatus 'Regestarius,' tam de cartis et evidenciis, inquisicionibus, de juris decimarum et forma collacionis decimarum, taxacione prebendarum, juramentis vic[ecomitum?], notis placitorum spiritualium et temporalium, forma acquietancti[arum], quam de libertatibus et privilegiis manerii de Burtone super Trentam, brevis et ceteris scriptis, cert[is] balivis et offic[ariis] ejusdem deliberat[is] mon[asterio] de Burton predicta pertinentibus, factus per Thomam Felde, abbatem monasterii predicti, anno Domini millesimo CCCC^{mo} LXX^{mo} IIIJ^o et ejusdem abbatis IJ^o."

It contains copies of inquisitions concerning tithes, etc., as stated in the above title, and of the following documents. The copies have been made by a careless scribe, who occasionally omits words or writes down inadvertently words resembling in form those that he was copying, and falls into other errors.

[Fo. 5, verso.]

1430-32.—Proceedings relating to the contested election of the abbot of Burton-on-Trent.

“ In Dei nomine non amen, sed in omni modo sinistro. Feria quarta, vicesimo [septimo¹] die mensis Septembris, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo tricesimo, abbacia monasterii de Burton super Trentam, Couventrensis et Lich[feldensis] diocesis, per liberam cessionem sive resignacionem Dompni Willelmi Mathew, nuper abbatis ejusdem, vacante,² conuenerunt illuc Magister Thomas Chesterfeld, consistorii domini, Dei gracia, Couventrensis et Lich[feldensis] episcopi examinador, et Magister Johannes Bryde, notarius, commorant[es] in hospicio cum predicto domino episcopo, ac etiam Dominus Ricardus Vernon, miles, latenter procurat[or] ad novam eleccionem ibidem confundendam magis quam juste et canonicè perficiendam.

Qui quidem Magister Thomas Chesturfeld et Frater Willelmus Bromley, monachus ejusdem domus, eadem nocte adierunt predictum Dompnum Willelmum Mathew, nuper abbatem, valida infirmitate decubantem, ac illum assidue procurabant, ut assensum suum preberet ad eligendum quendam Robertum Ownesby, monachum commorantem in hospicio cum predicto domino episcopo, sciencia sacre scripture valde edoctus,³ qui diu negando, licet respondisset, minis tamen et blandiciis eorum superatus, ad ultimum concessit; unde postea condolens reatum suum sepius amare confitebatur, ita quod infra quindenam proximam sequentem vitam consummavit.

In crastino vero, videlicet feria quinta, vicesimo octavo die mensis predicti, congregatis omnibus in domo capitulari hora consueta, cunctisque peractis, ut moris est, que in hujusmodi actu fieri consueverunt, processerunt ad novam eleccionem per modum scrutinii fiendam: ad quod fideliter eligendum electi erant Frater Ricardus Lythum, Frater Robertus Cleyden, precentor, et Frater Thomas Norton, monachi monasterii predicti, ac Dominus Thomas Marche et Dominus Thomas Sapurton, capellani, ad testimonium inde perhibendum. Qui quidem scrutatores et testes predicti, insimul sedentes cum predicto Magistro Thoma et aliis sue perversitatis consociis, audierunt vota quorundam ex senioribus monachis monasterii predicti. Inter quos Frater Johannes Yoxhale, latens dolum comperiens, dixit, quod injuste et contra formam eleccionis agebant. Propter quod predictus Magister Thomas, qui se gubernatorem eleccionis pretendebat, iratus continuo surrexit et exiit capitulo; sed illuc denuo⁴ reductus, iterum sedens,

¹ As the 'morrow' is called the 28th below, the word 'septimo' is required here.

² *vocante*, MS.

³ *idictum*, MS.

⁴ *decimo*, MS.

audivit vota aliorum certorum monachorum, et sciens eos nullo modo ad eligendum predictum Robertum¹ iterum surrexit et exivit.

Post Nonam vero iterum venit et audivit vota paucorum ex residuis, et sciens ut supra, iterum surrexit et Frater Ricardus Lythum cum eo, transientes in ecclesiam ad Dominum Ricardum Vernon antedictum, et ibi penes eum institerunt, ut² ipse procuraret monachos predictos ad eligendum Robertum predictum. Qui quidem Dominus Ricardus misit pro Fratre Roberto Cleydon, precentore, rogans³ eum, coram predicto Magistro Thoma, quatinus predictum Robertum eligeret, sicut pro eo aliquid unquam faceret : qui respondit, quod pro quingentis marcis hoc facere nollet, quia inde Dominum et suam conscienciam graviter offenderet, et addidit, quod ipse inique agebat taliter aliquem procurando.

Post quem misit pro Fratre Gylberto Moston, promittens sibi et amicis suis dominium⁴ et com[m]odum magnum [si] sibi consentiret, et contrarium si negaret : qui respondit, quod quando tempus adveniret talem sibi eligeret⁵ qualis Deo complaceret. Unde pater ejus territus venit ad illum, dicens quod nisi predicto Domino consentiret, ipse in patria diutius morari non posset. Qui respondit consulens quod alibi⁶ tunc sibi provideret, quoniam pro nullo vivente Dominum et suam conscienciam offendere nollet. Inde misit pro Fratre Bernardo et Fratre Willelmo Stapunhull⁷, promittens eis ut supra. At illi indignacionem ejus metuentes juncti[m] concenserunt ; qui inde mox valde merentes contestati sunt, dicentes quod illo die contra consciencias suas facerent. Similiter et Frater Ricardus Lythum, prior, spiritu erroris deceptus, predictum Fratrem Gylbertum et Fratrem Walterum et quam plures alios procurabat, rogans eos quatinus predictum Robertum eligeret⁸ : cui omnes contradixerunt⁷, dicentes illum esse excommunicatum taliter eos procurando. Deinde predictus Frater Ricardus et Magister Thomas Chesturfelde miserunt pro Fratre Nicholao Warde, in quem major et sanior pars consensit⁸, procurantes ut ipse juri suo⁹ renunciaret, dicentes quod episcopus mallet perdere mille marcas citius quam predictus Robertus non fieret abbas, eo quod cunctis generosis narrasset sic esse fiendum. Quibus predictus Nicholaus respondit, quod licet predictus dominus episcopus pro eo mille marcas vellet expendere, illud de jure non posset optinere. Et sic advesperascente jam die ab invicem discesserunt.

1 The verb is omitted.

2 *et*, MS.

3 *ragans*, MS.

4 *dominum*, MS.

5 *eligeret*, MS.

6 *alibi*, MS.

7 *contradixerunt*, MS.

8 *consensit*, MS.

9 *jus suum*, MS.

In crastino vero, videlicet feria sexta, vicesimo nono die mensis predicti, iterum venerunt ad capitulum ad audiendum

[Fo. 6.]

vota ceterorum ex monachis antedictis; qui, videntes eos non consentire ad eligendum, faciebat excepciones contra quosdam illorum, ponentes verba sua inordinate, et sic se fingentes justam habere electionem ad contendendum et implacitandum minabantur. Similiter et Dominus Ricardus Vernon per illos procuratus predictum Fratrem Nicholaum minabatur, dicens, quod si illud suscepisset¹, nihil inde gauderet ipso vivente. Quapropter predictus Frater Nicholaus misit pro predicto Magistro Thoma, petens ab eo, ut electio² cassaretur ex utraque parte et transirent ad novam electionem. Cui ille respondit, promittens super librum corporaliter jurando coram Fratre Roberto Cleyden et Fratre Thoma Norton, quod, si ipse juri suo³ renunciasset, idem Magister Thomas predicto domino episcopo totius rei veritatem certificaret; quo cognoscente certus erat, quod transiret ad novam electionem. Et sic sub ista condicione predictus Frater Nicholaus solo rudis Anglicis verbis renunciavit, et non in scriptis nec in forma juris positus (*sic*). Quibus compertis, Frater Johannes Yoxhale, Frater Robertus Brouhton, Frater Johannes Walton, Frater Willelmus Bronston, Frater Radulphus Heynley, Frater Walterus Qwelar, Frater Gylbertus Moston, Frater Johannes Combar, Frater Johannes Worcetur, et Frater Henricus Mylner, confestim exeuntes, arripuerunt⁴ viam versus Lich[feld] ad conquerendum domino episcopo de injuria per clericos suos⁵ ipsis illata. Post quorum egressum, Frater Ricardus, prior, et ceteri supradicti cameram abbatis irrumpentes⁶ clavem abbatis de sigillo communi inde asportaverunt; cum quo sigillo sine consensu⁷ conventus diversas cartas sigillaverunt, de quibus una erat nuda et inscripta.

In crastino vero, videlicet tricesimo die mensis predicti, convenientibus omnibus coram predicto domino episcopo apud Lich[feld], peccierunt monachi predicti et Frater Robertus Cleyden, precentor, cum eis novam electionem, sicut superius promissum erat, asserentes ex parte predicti Roberti, secundum rei veritatem, nullam⁸ esse electionem nec de jure debere fore. Sed predictus dominus episcopus, consilio predicti Magistri Thome sermonibus blandis illos demulcens, remisit vacuos, dicens se eis optime facturum, si desideriis ejus vellent adquiescere. Et sic illi, non habentes ibidem consilium neque expensas ad rectum suum prosequendum, merentes siluerunt, expectantes donec visitaret oriens ex alto.”

1 *suscipisset*, MS.

2 *elleccio*, MS.

3 *jus suum*, MS.

4 *accipuerunt*, MS.

5 *suos et*, MS.

6 *irruptis*, MS.

7 *concensu*, MS.

8 *nullum*, MS.

1432, March 29.—Notarial instrument executed “in quadam alta camera infra monasterium de Burton-super-Trent, Conventren[si] et Lich[efeldensi] dioc[esi], situata vulgariter nuncupata ‘Coventz Hostry,’ ” by William Wetherby called “Derby,” notary of that diocese, testifying that Brothers Robert Cleyden, John Yoxehale, Robert Broughton, Nicholas Warde, Thomas Norton, John Walton, William Bronston, Ralph Heynley, Gilbert Moston, John Wurcetur, John Burton, Walter Qwelar, John Combar, and Henry Mylner, monks of the abbey of Burton, appeared in person and acknowledged (*professi*) an appeal (*provocacionem*) and petition to the pope written on paper (*in quadam papiri cedula*), which the said Nicholas made, read and testified (*interposuit ac protestatus fuit*) in the name and by order of the said brethren for the protection of the monastery and its goods, etc.

[Fo. 7.]

1432, November 10.—Notarial instrument executed in St. Mary’s chapel in the aforesaid monastery by William Dernton, notary, of the diocese of Durham, witnessing that the aforesaid monks and Bernard Tutbury, another monk of the same abbey, have appointed William Fynders and Henry Daukyns, “in decretis bacalarios” (*sic*), their proctors to prosecute their appeal against the election of Brother Robert Ownesby as abbot.

[Fo. 7 verso.]

1432, November 15.—Appeal to the Court of Canterbury by the said Henry Daukyns against the delay of the bishop in cancelling the alleged election, by notarial instrument executed by the said William Dernton in St. Mary’s church, Nottingham.

[Fo. 8.]

1432 [-3], January 24.—Resignation of the abbacy by Robert Ownesby.

1432 [-3], January 28.—Acceptance of this resignation by the bishop.

[Fo. 9.]

1432 [-3], January 30.—Petition to the king for licence to elect a successor.

1433, January 29.—The king’s licence to elect.

1432 [-3], February 8.—Letter from the convent to the king, announcing the election of Brother Ralph Henley as abbot.

[Fo. 9 verso.]

1433, February 12.—Notice from the king to the bishop of his acceptance of the election.

1432 [-3], February 12.—Order from the bishop to his official, Thomas, prior of Stone, and the archdeacon of Stafford to institute the abbot elect, if they be satisfied as to his character and the legitimacy of his election.

[Fo. 10.]

1432 [-3], February 23.—Order from the official to the chaplain of the parish church of Burton-upon-Trent to cite all persons interested in the election to appear before the official.

1432 [-3], March 2.—Letter from Thomas Marche, chaplain of the said parish church, to the official, signifying his execution of preceding mandate.

[Fo. 10 verso.]

1432 [-3], February 8.—Letter of Brother Richard Lythum, prior of Burton, and the convent of the same, appointing Brothers Robert Cleyden and Nicholas Warde, of the said monastery, their proctors to present the abbot elect to the bishop, etc.

1432 [-3], February 7, 8.—Notification from the prior and convent to the bishop of the election of the said Brother Ralph Henley by Richard Lythom, the prior, and Brothers William Bromley, Robert Cleyden, Bernard Tutbyry, John Yoxhale, Robert Brouhton, John Wyncturmaster, Nicholas Warde, Thomas Nortone, John Walton, John Burton, William Bronston, Ralph Henley, William Stapunhull, Walter Qweler, Gilbert Moston, John Combar, John Wurcetur, and Henry Ilum; the election was made in the chapter house of the monastery “propositoque verbo Dei Sancti Spiritus, graciam per decantacionem ympni Anglici ‘Veni, Creator Spiritus,’ invocavimus.”

[Fo. 11 verso.]

1432 [-3], March 5.—Letter from the official and Thomas Helygeve, prior of Stone, to the bishop, notifying that they have admitted the said Ralph Henley as abbot of Burton.

[Fo. 12.]

1432 [-3], March 8.—Letter from the bishop to the king, notifying his confirmation of the said election, etc.

1433, March 10.—Letters patent of the king to the tenants of the abbey, notifying that he has received the fealty of the said abbot by the prior of Repindon and that he has restored the temporalities to the abbot.

[Fo. 12 verso.]

1433, March 10.—Commission from the king to the prior of Repindon to receive the fealty of the abbot.

Here follow the forms of the oath :

“Jeo serra foial et loial, et foie et loalté portera a nostre Seigneur le Roy Henry, et a sez heirs, Roys d’Engleterre, de vie et de membre et de terien honour, a vivre et murrir countre toutez gens, et diligement serra entendant as busoignes nostre Seigneur le Roy, solonque mon scien et poair, et le conseile nostre Seigneur le Roy celera, et loialment conusera et fra les services duez des temporaltees de ma abbacie de Burton-sur-Trent, les queux jeo cleyme tenir de nostre dit seigneur le roy et les queux il me rent, et a luy et a sez¹ maundementz que a moy atteint pur mez temporaltees serra obeisant, si Dieu m’aide et sez santtz.

“I schal be trewe and faithfull’ and faith and trowth I schal bere to our’ Lorde Kyng Edwarde (*sic*) and to his heires, Kynges of Ynglond, of life and lymme and of erthele worschipe, and to lif and to dye agains all’ peple, and diligently I schal be endentent (*sic*) to the nedes of our’ Lorde Kyng aftyr my connyng and my power, and the consaill of our’ Lorde [Kyng] I schall’ kepe prevey, and truly I schall knowlage and do the servyce duez of the temperaltees of myn abbey of Burton sur Trent, the whylke I clayme to hold of our said Lorde Kyng and the qwylke he yeldith to me, and to hym and to his maunndementz in as much as longes to me for my saide temperaltees I schal be obedient. So God me help and his Seints.”

“Ego prefatus prior Domino regi respondeo, quod .die Dominica in tercia septim[ana] Quadragesime ultimo elapsa, in prioratu Sancte Trinitatis de Repyndon predicto, in Comitatu Derbey, cepi fidelitatem Radulphi Henley, abbatis monasterii de Burton super Trent infra nominati, pro temporalibus abbacie predictae Domino Regi debitis, secundum formam cujusdam cedulae in isto brevi intercluse², prout breve in se exigit et requirit. Et ulterius ego prefatus prior Domino regi certifico, quod omnes litteras patentes ac breviam Domini regis pro temporalibus predictis michi per latorem presencium liberata prefato³ abbati liberari feci, secundum tenorem istius brevis.”

The next fifteen folios contain copies of deeds, commissions, etc.

[Fo. 28 verso.]

“Taxacio bonorum temporalium infra arch[idiaconatum] Staff[ordie], secundum regestrum in scaccario Domini Regis residens.” This extends to folio 34.

[Fo. 35 verso.]

[10044].—Translation of the will of Wulfric Spott, founder of the abbey of Burton-upon-Trent, composed in Anglo-Saxon.

¹ *fez*, MS.

² *intercluso*, MS.

³ *prefati*, MS.

⁴ *Cf. Cod. Dipl.* iii. p. 333; *Annales de Burton*, in *Annales Monastici*, i, p. 183.

A facsimile of the quasi-original, which is written in a very late eleventh century hand, is given in the *Ordnance Survey Facsimiles of Anglo-Saxon Charters*, vol. iii, Marquis of Anglesea's collection, plate ii. It is printed from the Burton chartulary (see *Register of Burton Abbey*, William Salt Society, vol. v., part 1, p. 6), in Dugdale's *Monasticon*, iii, p. 37, Kemble, *Codex Diplomaticus Ævi Saxonici*, vi, p. 147, Thorpe, *Diplomatarium Anglicanum*, p. 543, and Earle, *Land Charters*, p. 218. An annotated translation by W. H. Duignan and W. F. Carter was published in the "Midland Antiquary," iv, p. 99 sqq.

It is clear from the errors arising from ignorance of Anglo-Saxon flexional forms that the version was made without the assistance of any Latin version of intermediate date. It preserves traces of superior readings to the quasi-original and the chartulary in *othire Dumeltan*, p. 254, *Athelwaldeston*, p. 255, *Longforde*, p. 256, and *Wulfgat*, p. 255.

"Here begynnyth the testament of Wulfrike Pott, founder of the Monastery of Burton, which' dyed in the tyme of Kyng Etheldred (*sic*).

"*In Nomine Domini*. Here shewith Wulfrike his wel-belovede Lorde his testament and all' his fredome¹ that is furst, I graunt my Lorde Kyng cc. marke² of golde, and ij. swerdes with sylvyr hyltes, and iiij. horses and ij. new sadels³ and the harnes⁴ that therto belongis.

And I graunt to Alkwyn⁵ Bysshope v. handfull⁶ of golde, and to the too archebysshopes eythyr of them x. handfull of golde.

And I graunt to Alkwyn⁵ religiouse⁷ monke a pound of golde⁸; and to every abbot and abbes v. handfull⁶ of golde.

And I gyve to Alfrik Archebysshoppe the landes⁹ at Dumelton¹⁰ with the othire Dumeltan for my soule, with that that he be frende and better helper to the place that I have foundede.

And I graunt to Elfelme and Wulfage tho landes⁹ betwene Rybell and Marse,¹¹ and that they depart hem betwene them as evyn as they may.¹²

¹ Read 'friends' (*freondon*, dat. plur).

² Read 'mancesses.'

³ Should be 'four horses, two saddled and two unsaddled.'

⁴ Read 'weapons.'

⁵ Read 'each' (*ælcum*).

⁶ Read 'mancesses.'

⁷ Read 'rule' (*munuc-regole*), *i.e.*, order of monks.

⁸ The words 'of golde' are an addition.

⁹ Misunderstanding of the genitive singular *landes*, the case required by the verb *geunnan* 'to grant.'

¹⁰ Dumbleton, co. Gloucester. Cf. *Chronicon Monasterii de Abingdon*, i, pp. 411, 413. The 'othire' Dumeltan is not mentioned in the other texts.

¹¹ The rivers Ribble and Mersey. The original adds *and on Wirhalum* 'and in Wirral,' the peninsula of Wirral, co. Chester.

¹² The version omits 'unless either of them will have his own, on this condition that when it is the season of shad, each of them shall deliver three thousands of shad to the place [*i.e.*, monastery] at Burton.'

And I graunt to Alfelme Rolston¹ and Horlaston².

And I gyve Wulfage the landes³ at Borleston⁴ and at Marchenton.⁵

And I gyve Alfelme the landes³ at Consburghe⁶, with that that⁷ he gyve the monkes the thyrde parte of the fysshes, and he to have the too partes.

And I graunt to Wulfage the landes³ at Athelwaldeston.⁸

And I gyve to Wulfgat⁹ the landes³ at Norton on that entent that he be frende and better helper unto the place at Burton.

And I gyve to my furst¹⁰ doughter the landes³ at Ellford¹¹ and the landes³ at Aclee,¹² with all that longyth therto the whill⁷ that she lyvyth and aftyre here day go they into the place at Burton, and she in no wyse hurte the landes but kepe and mayntein them all⁷ the whyll⁷ she may,¹³ for it was my god-fader's gyfte. And I wyll⁷ that Alfelme¹⁴ have the landes at Shyrmunde¹⁵ and at Tomworth, withoute any maner of servage, he to be chefe lorde.¹⁶

And I graunt Wulgare my knyght the landes³ at Baltrys¹⁷ evyn as his fader hit helde.¹⁸ And I bequeith⁷ to Morkar the lande at Walshall¹⁹, and that at Thegenthorp,²⁰ and that at Whytwyke,²¹ and at Clune²² and at Barleburghe²³ and at Dukmanston²⁴ and at Moresburghe²⁵ and at Egyngton²⁶ and at Becton²⁷ and Doncestere²⁸ and at Morlegton.²⁹

¹ Rolleston, co. Stafford.

² Harlaston, parish of Clifton Campville, co. Stafford.

³ Misunderstanding of the genitive singular *landes*, the case required by the verb *geunnan* 'to grant.'

⁴ Barlaston, co. Stafford.

⁵ Marchington, parish of Hanbury, co. Stafford.

⁶ Conisborough, co. York.

⁷ 'With that that' is a too literal rendering of *wið ðon ðe*, 'on condition that.'

⁸ *Alwaldestune*, orig. Elvaston, co. Derby, or Alvaston, parish of St. Michael, Derby, two adjoining villages which occur in Domesday i. 276b, col. 2, as *Ælvvoldestune* and *Aleuoldestune*.

⁹ *Ufegat* in the original.

¹⁰ 'Furst' is a mistranslation of 'poor' (*earman*).

¹¹ Elford, co. Stafford.

¹² Oakley, near Elford, in co. Stafford, but in the parish of Croxall, co. Derby.

¹³ Add 'she may deserve it, and let it revert afterwards to the place at Burton.'

¹⁴ Read 'that Alfhelm shall be the protector of her and of the land.'

¹⁵ A blunder for 'be her protection' (*sy hire mund*).

¹⁶ Read 'without any of the services and without any of the horn men, except that she shall have the chief power (*ealdordom*).'

¹⁷ *Baltrydeleage*, orig. Balterley, parish of Barthomley, co. Stafford.

¹⁸ Read 'acquired' (*begæt*).

¹⁹ *Walesho*, dat. sing., orig. Walsall, co. Stafford?

²⁰ *peogendeþorpe*, orig. Unknown.

²¹ *Hwitewylle*, orig. Whitwell, co. Derby.

²² Clown, co. Derby.

²³ Barlborough, co. Derby.

²⁴ Duckmanton (Sutton-cum-), co. Derby.

²⁵ Mosborough, parish of Eckington, co. Derby.

²⁶ Eckington, co. Derby.

²⁷ Beighton, co. Derby.

²⁸ Doncaster, co. York.

²⁹ *Morlingtun*, orig. Unknown.

And I graunt his wife Aldestre¹ evyn as hit standis with grounde² and man.

And I graunt Alfelme my cosyn the lande at Palterton.³

And I graunt Athelryke the lande at Wibtofte⁴ and at Tonge⁵ all' his day, and aftur his lyffe go that lande for my sowle and for his moder's and for his⁶ into Burton.

And thes be the landes that I gyve into Burton, that is furst Burtonther as the monastery standes, and Stretton,⁷ and Bromley,⁸ and Bedyngton,⁹ and Gageley,¹⁰ and Wyteton,¹¹ and Longforde,¹² and Styreley,¹³ and Newton and Therwyke,¹⁴ and Waddon,¹⁵ and the lytyll' land that I called er¹⁶ Newton, and Wynshull',¹⁷ and Sutton,¹⁸ and Tykenhall',¹⁹ and at Shen-ton,²⁰ and at Wyggeston',²¹ and that at Halen,²² and Remmesle,²³ and at Stypley,²⁴ and at Sutton,²⁵ and at Atton²⁶ and aftur too mennys day byforesayde,²⁷ Thorlaston²⁸ and all' that longith' therto, that is Rudgare²⁹ and my lytull' land at Cote-walton,³⁰ and a bede³¹ with all' that longeth therto, and a cofere³² with the stuff therein.³³ And the landes at Ilum and

¹ *Aldulfestreo* orig. Austrey, co. Warwick.

² *mid mete* orig., 'with meat' (*i.e.*, food, live stock).

³ Palterton, parish of Bolsover, co. Derby. Add 'and the [land] that Scegth bequeathed to me.'

⁴ Wibtoft, parish of Claybrooke, co. Warwick.

⁵ *Æt Twongan*, orig. Tonge, co. Salop (*Tuange* in Domesday, i. 253b, col. 2).

⁶ *minre* 'mine,' orig.

⁷ Stretton, parish of Burton-on-Trent, co. Stafford.

⁸ Abbots Bromley co. Stafford.

⁹ Beddington, now Pillatonhall, parish of Penkridge, co. Stafford.

¹⁰ Gailey, parish of Penkridge, co. Stafford.

¹¹ Whiston, parish of Penkridge, co. Stafford.

¹² *Laganford*, orig., which has *Langanford* in the Latin text. Cf. *Cod. Dipl.*, iii, p. 333. Longford, co. Stafford.

¹³ *Styreleage*, orig. Stirchley, co. Salop.

¹⁴ Misunderstanding of *æt ðære wic* 'at the wic,' which here probably means a salt-spring (cf. *Cart. Sax.* iii, p. 653). Newton-by-Middlewich, co. Chester?

¹⁵ *Wædedun*, orig. Unknown.

¹⁶ Read 'that I own in another Newton.'

¹⁷ Winshill, parish of Burton-on-Trent.

¹⁸ Sutton-on-the-Hill, co. Derby. Cf. Domesday, i., 273 col. 2.

¹⁹ Ticknall, co. Derby.

²⁰ Shangton, co. Leicester, (Nichols, *Leicestershire*, ii., p. 790).

²¹ Little Wigston, parish of Claybrooke, co. Leicester.

²² Kirk Hallam or West Hallam, co. Derby, called Halen in Domesday, i, p. 277b. col. 2 (=A.S. *æt Healum*).

²³ The Rameslege, co. Warwick, of Domesday, i, p. 239, col. 2, now Romsley, parish of Alveley, Salop.

²⁴ *Sciplea*, orig. Probably Shipley, parish of Claverley, co. Salop.

²⁵ Sutton (Scarsdale), parish of Sutton-cum-Duckmanton, co. Derby.

²⁶ *Actune*, orig. Perhaps one of the Staffordshire Actons.

²⁷ The original grants Acton for 'two men's day [*i.e.*, lives], as the agreement (*foreword*) specifies.'

²⁸ *Deorlafestun*, orig. Darlaston, near Stone, co. Stafford.

²⁹ *Rudegeard*, orig. Rudyard, parish of Leek, co. Stafford.

³⁰ Cotwalton, in Moddershall, parish of Stone, co. Stafford.

³¹ *Lege*, orig. Leigh, co. Stafford.

³² Read 'Acofere' (*Acofre*). Okeover, co. Stafford.

³³ Read 'with those that thereto pertain.'

Chelfdon,¹ and Catesthurn,² and þe hyrede³ lande at Sutton and Morley⁴ and Bradeshall,⁵ Morton⁶ with all' fredom⁷ that longith therto, and the lande at Fyllege,⁸ and Ogggeston,⁹ and Wynfelde,¹⁰ and Snowdeswyke¹¹ into Morton,¹² and that at Tathwyll,¹³ and that land at Appulby¹⁴ the which' I boght with my money, and at Weston¹⁵ and Burton, and the hyde lande at Shernforde¹⁶ into Wygeston,¹⁷ and at Harlburghebryge,¹⁸ and Aldesworth,¹⁹ and all' Fredyngton,²⁰ and Eccleshall,²¹ and Waddon,²² and an hyde at Stone.²³

And I graunt to the Covent at Tomworth' the lande at Langton²⁴ aftur the cownant byfore made,²⁵ that they have halfe and halfe the monkes of Burton, with gode²⁶ and catell' and man for evyr,²⁷ with all' thyng longyng þerto.

And the Bysshopp fong to his land at Bobandon,²⁸ and aftur to the monkes at Burton and with that land is gyvyn man and all' thyng longyng therto.²⁹

And I will that the Kyng be lorde and foundere³⁰ of the monasterys that I have foundede and they to have³¹ the landys that I have bequeythyd to hem for to loove³² Gode and for my Lorde Kynges soule and myn ; and Alfrike Archbysshop and Alfelme, my brother, that the be frendes and defensours of the monastery at Burton ayenst all manere of

¹ Read 'that is Hilum and Celfdun.' Ilam and Cauldon, co. Stafford.

² Casterne, parish of Ilam.

³ Read 'heriotland.'

⁴ Morley, co. Derby.

⁵ Breadsall, co. Derby.

⁶ Morton, co. Derby.

⁷ Read 'soke.'

⁸ *Pillesleage*, orig. (*Willesleage* in the printed texts.) Pilsley, in North Winfield, co. Derby.

⁹ *Oggodestun*, orig. Ogston (Hall), in Brackenfield, parish of Morton, co. Derby.

¹⁰ Winfield (North ?), co. Derby.

¹¹ *Snodeswic*, orig. The *Esnotrewic* of DB. i. 276, col. 2, in Scarsdale Hundred, co. Derby ?

¹² Morton, co. Derby.

¹³ Tathwell, co. Lincoln.

¹⁴ Great Appleby, cos. Leicester and Derby.

¹⁵ Weston-on-Trent, co. Derby.

¹⁶ Sharnford, co. Leicester.

¹⁷ Little Wigston, co. Leicester.

¹⁸ *Hereburgebyrig*, orig. Harbury, co. Warwick.

¹⁹ Awsworth, co. Notts.

²⁰ *Alfredyngtune*, orig. Alfreton, co. Derby.

²¹ Eceleshall, co. Stafford.

²² Long Whatton, co. Leicester (Nichols, *Leicestershire*, iii, p. 1103).

²³ *Sceon*, orig. Sheen, co. Stafford.

²⁴ *Langandun*, orig. Longdon, co. Stafford.

²⁵ Literally 'in the same manner as they let it to me previously.'

²⁶ Apparently a misunderstanding of *ge on* ('as well in').

²⁷ The words 'for ever' are an addition to the original.

²⁸ *Bubandune*, orig. Bupton, parish of Longford, co. Derby.

²⁹ Read 'and the monks at Burton shall receive what is on the land, both in food [=cattle ?] and in men, and in all things, and the land to the bishop at the plough (?).'

³⁰ The words 'and foundere' are an addition. 'Monasterys' is a misunderstanding of the gen. sing. *mynstres*.

³¹ Read 'and [lord] of the estates in land that I have bequeathed.'

³² Read 'glory' (*lofe*).

men, non othyr to dwell' therin of religious but Saynt Bencttes order.¹

And I gyve my goddoghters Morcarse and Elgith² the land at Stretton³ and the bole⁴ that was ther⁵ aldermoder's.

And I graunt into the monastery of Burton a hundyrth wilde horse and syxten teme rothyrn,⁶ and therto all' that I have alyve, except that the which I have before queythyde. And Gode Almyghty kepe hit from all' Cristen mennes dominacion but only my Lorde Kynges⁷; and I hope that he wyll' be goode and lovyng and in no wyse hyndyr hit, nothyr suffur non othyr to do. *Valete in Christo!*

[Foll. 36, 37.]

"Chapiturs of Excheytours." in English.

[Fo. 38 verso.]

1490, August 31.—"Hunston Grange.⁸ The examinacion of diverse meires [= boundaries] at Hunston.

Firste Mottelow.⁹ John' Alsope saith that it streches downe to the lower hegh way and gothe up agayne to the close of Hunston' called 'the Burrowes,' and it lieth also upon the northside to the Flattes.

Also the saide John' Alsope saith that Stanlow¹⁰ lieth from the slade next Mottelow upon' the southside unto the Lordshippe of Tyssyngton¹¹ called "Sharpelow,"¹² folowyng the hegh way that commeth from Ascheburne¹³ to Bukstones¹⁴ called "Alsope¹⁵ Way"; the which Stanlow parte of it is sawen with corne, etc.

Also the said John' Alsope saith that Ravynswall' lieth in the saide hegh way that Stanlow buttes upon at Newton¹⁶ Croftehede, etc.

Also the said John' saith that the lyme pyttes lieth next Stanlow betwene the said Stanlow and a parcell of grounde called 'Warderose,' etc.

Also the said John' Alsope saith that the Warderose lieth betwene the lyme pyttes and Depedalehede and betwene Tyssyngton' More and Mottelow abuf saide, etc.

Also the saide John saith that Granlowe lieth betwene

¹ Literally to be 'to them the property of none but the order of St. Benedict.'

² Read 'goddaughter, [the daughter] of Morcar and Elgith' *Ealdgyð*).

³ Stretton, parish of North Wingfield, co. Derby.

⁴ 'Ornament' (*bule* = Latin *bull*).

⁵ Read 'her.'

⁶ Read 'stallions' (*hencgestas*).

⁷ Literally 'And may Almighty God deprive him who shall contravene this of all God's bliss and of the intercourse of all Christians, unless he be my own sovereign lord.'

⁸ Hanston Grange, parish of Thorpe, co. Derby.

⁹ Moatlow, in Newton Grange, parish of Thorpe.

¹⁰ Standlow, in Newton Grange.

¹¹ Tissington, co. Derby.

¹² Sharplow, parish of Tissington.

¹³ Ashbourne, co. Derby.

¹⁴ Buxton, co. Derby.

¹⁵ Alsop-en-le-Dale, co. Derby.

¹⁶ Newton Grange, parish of Thorpe

Wardrose on one partie and a close called 'Burrowes' upon ane othir partie, and the Waterstone Crosseway upon the thirde partie, etc.

Item William Smyth saith in maner and fourme as John' Alsope saith towchyng all the saide meires, and forthermore he saith that he knew in his yonge age, he keypyng shepe at Hunstone, that the abbot of Burton' had the occupacion of the groundez a buf saide called 'Wardrose' and 'Granelowe' at such tyme as Thomas Basforth was fermour of Newton Grange, and so continued xiiiij. yere keypyng shepe ther' in peaseabull' possession the same William Smyth, etc.

Item William Honte saith that he knew the said William Smyth keypyng shepe upon the saide groundez called 'Wardrose' and 'Granlowe,' like as the saide William Smyth hath saide before, etc.

This examinacion was hade at Hunstone upon the said grounde called 'Wardrose' befor' William Basset, squier, Sir Raufe Cantrell, Deane of Alton and Leeke, Thomas Oker', Rauffe Walker, Thomas Welles, and mony oyer the Tewisday next after the fest of Saynt Bartilmew the Appostull, the yer' of the reigne of King Henry the VIJth the sext. And in wittenes wherof thay have putte to this presens yaire signe manuelles, etc.'

[Fo. 39.]

'The promisse of matrimony,' an English translation of the letter of Louis XI. of France, dated 29 August, 1475, for the marriage of his son Charles to Elizabeth, daughter of Edward IV. of England (the "Appunctuamenta de Amicitia" printed in Rymer, *Fœdera*, xii. p. 19).

"The lettre of annuell porte" of Louis XI. of the same date (a translation of "litteræ annui census" printed in Rymer, xii. p. 20) for the annual payment to Edward IV. of 50,000 "scutes of golde, every scute beyng of the valoure of xxxiiiij^{te} grete blankes."

[Fo. 39 verso.]

"The obligation of *nisi*," a translation of a public instrument, dated 30 August, 1475, whereby King Louis submitted himself to the spiritual court of Amiens ('Amyas') for securing payment of the preceding annuity to the King of England.

[Fo. 40 sqq.]

[c. 1480.]—Copy of petition from William Dethyk, of Newhall, co. Derby, to the king, complaining of an assault by the servants of the abbot of Burton upon one Peres Glasier, his servant, on Thursday before the feast of St. George last past "in the xxth yer' of youre reigne;" that the abbot's servants lay in ambush to murder the petitioner; and that the abbot forbade the tenants and servants of the petitioner to come to the common market of Burton, "for if thay so dyde, thay shulde be nevir' able to helpe yaim selfe, to yaire grete hurtes."

[1492.]—Letter from the king's agent in the papal court,

giving an account of his proceedings there, of affairs on the continent, and news of the capture of the city of Granada by Ferdinand and Isabella. (*See Appendix.*)

“The copy of the kynges letters of grete tythynges.

My moste redowted Sover[aj]igne Lorde, please it you to understande, that ther ar' no grete novelteys to write unto youre Grace, save onely in this cuntray of Ytayle is goode pease, and that betwene the pope's holynes and the kyng of Naples is concludet a fyniall' pease under this forme, that all' maner' of offensis done in tyme passed shalbe forgeven, except for yaim that ar' banysshed owte of the realme of Naples. And the pope at this tyme has hade of the said king l. thousand ducates; and also he is bounden to defende the pope in all his nedes with a certen noumbre of men, and also to fynde ij. galeys at his charge to kepe the see so that vetaile may surely come to the Courte of Rome, and after' the decesse of the saide kyng his son, beyng the duke of Calabre, shall succede hym in the same realme and be infeffed therof by the pope, and if the said duke dy afor the decesse of his fader', then the saide duke son shall' succede hym, and so heire after heire.

Also the duke of Milliane hath renewed his alliaunnce with the Frensh kyng, and hath made grete triumphe therof, bot, as I understande, it is in dowte wheyer the Veneciance¹ will enter in the same alliaunce or not; neverthelesse sum thynke ye and sum nay, bot hereafter I shall' have more certente therof, etc. *Et revelabo vestre gracie.*

And for the Frensh ambassatoür, ther' is no grete noyse of any thyng that yai doo, nor yai be not gretely besy bot abowte ther' owne particuler' matters. I understand many dayes passed that ther shulde come anoder ambassatour fro the Frensh kyng that shulde know all his mynde, bot as yett *non venit*. And as for the new mariage betwene the saide Frensh king and the duches of Bretayne, thay ax no dispensacion, bot yai say the mariage betwene the kyng of Romans and the said duches was not lawfull' because yai ar' the iij^{de} or iiijth degree in consanguinite, as yai say. And also yai say that the said contract was made opon certen condicions that were not performed by the said king of Romans, and yai ofte tymes make grete bost, as yai have ever to be (*sic*) accustomed to doo, bot yai ar' aunswered to the purposse, etc. Also hit hath ben saide her', bot ther' is no certente therof, that the duke Philip of Burgone shulde wedde the duke's George of Barbere² doughter, which is a myghty prince in Almayne and ever hath bene a grete enmy to the House of Ostricc',³ etc.; and if this be true, hit shalbe a grete cause to sett Almayne at a finiall rest and pease, bot by the which shall' growe grete favoure to the kyng of Romans. And syn' it hath ben saide that the kyng of Romans shulde have this mariage, bot yett ther' is

¹ *Reneciance*, MS.

² The daughter of George of Bavaria, duke of Landshut, married Philip, Elector Palatine. (*See Appendix.*)

³ Austria.

no certente therof. Also I have spoken with diverse ambassatours of Almayn that ben here and thay say that ther hath been such cominacion in Almayn.

Also in meane tyme of this writing I receyved lettres from youre Grace direct to the pope's holynes concernyng the manere of your hyghnes and the promocion of the chirches of Baythe and Chester, and also for the chesyng of youre proctur', the which youre hyghnes has remytted unto me for to chese one of the iij. the which be named by your Grace, of which I have chosen my Lorde Cardinall' of Seen',¹ which, at instaunce of youre said Grace, has accept the same. As for the oyer ij., viz., my Lorde Cardinall of Saynt Peter *ad Vincula* and Askaneus, as the worlde goeth now me thynketh yai ar' not convenient, for my Lorde of Saynt Peter *ad Vincula* has diverse gret benefices in Fraunce and the Legate of Avynyon, be reason wherof it is to be thought that he shulde have yaim in favoure. Also my Lorde of Askeneus (*sic*) he is the duke of Millian's uncle and the Lorde Lodewyke's broyer, which governeth holy the said duke, and, as it is before wrettyn, the alliaunce betwene the Frensh kyng and the duke of Milliane is renewed with grete triumph and festes. Wherfor' me semeth noder of thes twoo so indifferent to do youre Grace service as my Lord of Seen'¹ is. And as for the lettres concernyng youre Grace yai ar' delivered to the pope, and hit is concludet that the next consistorye thay shalbe redde befor' the holy collage of cardinales; and the pope is well' content with youre Grace, and knowes well' ye be compelled to take this interprice agaynes the Frensh kyng and have folowed well' all' meanes possible to have peace, your right saved, etc. And as for the Frensh men the pope is not well' content with yaim, for he thynketh yai ar' to proude and wolde rewle all the worlde. And as for the mariage of the duches of Bretayne, he sayes playnely it is [an] abhominable dede, for the which he shall have no dispensacion of hym, bot wilbe redy to shew the lawe and *justiciam* to eyther partie, if yai will sewe therfor. And as for the church of Bayth, it shalbe proposed in the next consistorye, after shall' have gode expedicion therof. As for the chirch of Chestr', hit is ane harde matter, for it towcheth all' the officers in the courte; neverthelesse it shalbe purposed in the next consistorye agayne, and all that is possible to be done shalbe, etc. The pope in this mater is not content, because one Philippus de Venia, marchaunt of Florens, shalbe trowbulled for this matter' because hit shulde be reported that he shulde lette the expedicion therof. And it is so that it was reported to me of diverse othur' that yai saide² that Philippus wolde have spede it for the hole tax, if the had not be letted be Sebastiane, my cosyn.

Also in the chirch of Saynt Crucis of Jerusalem in Rome in an olde wall' is founde a litill' chest covered with lede, and above the chest a stone wher opon was wretten *Titulus Crucis*,

¹ Siena.

² saude, MS.

and within the same chest ther' is a borde which is carved in Ebrew, Greke, and Latyn *Jesus Nazarenus*, bot *Rex Judeorum* can not be redde be cause the borde is broken, and so it is varelly thought that it is the same titull' that was sett by Pylate upon the Crosse a bove oure Lordes hede *Tempore passionis*, and so it is thought rather it is so be cause yai fynde by olde bokes that it shulde be in the same church.

Also ther' is certen tythynges comen to the pope that the kyng of Spayne hath gotten Garnado,¹ for the which ther hath be made here grete triumphis and justynges and mony othir ryaltes, with generall procession, and opou Sunday, the v^{te} day of Februar, the pope, with the holy collage of cardinales and yaire holy courte, went to the church of James here in Rome, which is the Spaynardes' church, and ther' was songen *te Deum laudamus*, with a solempe masse, with a sermon convenient for the same. And the saide cetie Garnado was yeldet by appoyntment made betwene the nobull' kyng of Spayne and the Sarasyns' cheif captens and hedes men of the same cctie. Wherfor all Cristen men ar' bounde to thanke God, consideryng how stronge a cctic it is, and also how longe it hase conteyn[u]ed in the wronge faith, for sen' the tyme it was recovered (*sic*) fro the mysbeleve it is vij.c. yer', or nygh ther aboute, and full sure and stronge hade yai made it, to yaire thynkyng never lyke to have loste it agayne, for in the same cety was ther ix. stronge wardes, and every warde was from oyer a large myle well vetayled and reparelled for warr', and this xl.ⁱⁱ yere passed the said kyng off Spayne and his predecessors have continued warre agaynes the same cety and couth never opteyn victory unto now, *Gracia Dei*, and the grete meanes and labur' of the moste nobull' redowted his welbeloved wyffe the quene, the which is repute the moste goodely, witty and nobull' princes under the cope of Heven, both in devysyng of sutteltes and fetes of warr' and othirwyse, for she is redy and prest in every felde and bataile lightly that he gose to, and is ever more in the first brounte of yair' men, confortyng and cheryshyng yaim, as it is reported, etc. This same cctic was yeldet to the kyng of Spayne under apoyntment the furst day of Januarii last passed, in the which appoyntment it was graunted that every Sarasyn shulde have asmuch of his ownc godes as he couth bere away opou hym at ones if he so mych had, except of golde and silver, harnes and weppyn, wherof yai shulde have none, etc. Item when the Cristen men entred the cetie yai fande ther xxxⁱⁱ thousande breganders, wherof vj. thousande were covered with cloth of golde and oyer sylkes with gylt nayles. Item ther were founde iiij. thousand of white harnes complete. Also yai fande ther xxijⁱⁱ thowsande crosbowes, with all yair' apparell' ther unto appertenyng. Also ther were founde ther xxiiiijⁱⁱ thousande swerdes, wherof x. thousande were gilte and garnysshed with silver that every one of yaim were worth ls. Also ther were in the same cetie at the tyme of yeldyng iiij^{xx} thousande

¹ Granada.

and x. M^l peopull' betwene the ages of xij. and iij^{xx} yeres, beside yong childer and olde men and women. Also in the cheif tempull of the same cetie were founde iij. thousand lampes of golde and silver, the worste valowed xxiiij^{li}. sterling. Also ther where founde iij. chaers of golde and xxij.^{li} chaers of silver for seytes of the king, the qwhene, and oyer heythen lordes. Also ther was founde abundaunnce of golde and silver coyned, which the kyng of Spayne left ther to make with a new church. Also in one of the castelles where in the kyng and the quene were loged of Garnado, the walles of the hall⁷ and chambers wer' of marbull', cristall and jasper and sett in mony sendry places with preciouise stones. And over this ther were founde grete and unnumerable ryches. Also or thay that were in the cetie wolde yelde up the cety for lac¹ of vytaile, thay ete yair' horses and houndes and cattell' and ij. hundreth Cristen men, the which were presoners ther' the same tyme, etc.

[Fo. 41.]

"The prenostacion (*sic*) of Alfons Frysaunn[c]e, clerke of Mayster Skalgaynes, astrologe to the Grete Turke, resydent in the grete town Dary in Alexander.

When that I Alfons Frysaunnce, of Aysia, come to the age of man [I] receyved my baptyme at the Rodes,² and this revelacion that I have I hade of God and of my Mayster Skalgayns, and not of my selfe; which tyme [I] was in the courte and service of the Turke, the yer' of our' Lorde a thousand CCCC. and XV. And I was the same man that saved the life of Duke John' of Burgone³ (on whose soule God have mercy!), the which duke the Turke delivered to be put to deth, as he dyd mony moo Cristen men, saying to the Turke: 'In no wise put hym to deth, for why thrugh his cause and his heyres to the iij^{te} degre of hym shall distroye moo Cristen men than ther bene on lyve in any realme, and the secunde heire⁴ of hym shalbe the grettest persecutor with swerde opon Cristen men and with the swerde he shalbe slayne, and of hym shall hyde a doughter⁵ of his blode, the which a grete prince⁶ of Esteurope shall' marry, and be hir he shall have a childe the whiche shalbe a grete persecutor of Cristente and Sarasyns that this ij. hundreth yere was none such, and sayes he shall conquer' Jerusalem as dyd Godfray Bullen and shall' deliver Costantine the nobull'⁷ owte of the heythen men's handes, and it shalbe thrugh the help of a king of Englande.'

Also he says in the yer' of oure Lorde a M^l. CCCC. IIIJ^{xx} and XII. shall end the prosperite of the king of Floure de Lice,⁸ and he shalbe mesured with the same mesure that he

¹ *lat*, MS.

² Rhodes.

³ John *sans Peur*, 1404-18, captured at Nicopolis 28 September, 1396.

⁴ Charles the Bold, 1467-77.

⁵ Mary of Burgundy.

⁶ The Emperor Maximilian I.

⁷ Constantinople.

⁸ France.

hase mesured oder, for the which ther shall come to the kyng of Floure de Lice grete devicion be traytours, as well' on the spiritual' men as the seculars. And sone after shall' the pope of Rome dye, and then' shall' come mony noveltees, for why then the Turke shall' mych prosper in Cristendome. Also he sayes that when the kyng of Floure de Lice have done grete tribulacion in Westeuope, he shall enter' into a realme the which is now a Ducher'¹ and make grete warr', and then shall the kyng with grete and stronge armes ayde the same, and or then all' be done he shall' suffer' grete trayvell' or he retourne; bot then shall the son of man² also with grete peopull' ayde the saide Ducher', the which was sumtyme a realme of the which the duke at that tyme shalbe dede with oute heire male, for the which shall ryse grete warr'.

And afore that tyme the kyng with strong armes³ shall have grete anxie[ti]es with the heythen men of Garnado⁴ and of Barber',⁵ and yet that yer' of [oure] Lorde a thousand CCCC. IIII.^{xx} and XII. he shall' have Garnado and Barbere at hys will', and he shalbe counsell' of the pope, which shall' die in the yer' of ourc Lord a thousand CCCC. IIII.^{xx} and XIII.^{te}; ⁶ by the deth of whome Cristen men shall lese no thyng, for whye one shall reigne after hym that shalbe right true to Cristendome, bot he shall' not reigne long, bot the space of iij. yer' or ther' aboute.⁷

And in that tyme or sone after shall the lyfe of the kyng with the close crowne a bowve⁸ be lost, which hath bene a right covetus man; and this done shal begynne a grete warr' noyfull to Cristendome as agaynes thaim of Esteuope.

And Westeuope shall' have mych to doo, for within that tyme the Son of Man, which is the kyng of Englande, shall demaynde (*sic*) his right of the crowne of Floure de Lice, the which he shall have sone after. Neverthelesse he shall have grete trayvell', bot it shall not indure bot one yere, and litill more. And then shall' be a bysshope of a cety name Agrippa or Colyn'⁹ that shall commense warr', by the which he shall drawe to hym mony grete lordes; the which shalbe the last warr' that shalbe made a grete alliaunce emonge Cristen peopull in Cristendom, whereof diverse shalbe bounde and sworne agayne the Turkes, the which shalbe mych profite to Cristendom, and shalbe to yaim mych at doo, for whye the Turkes of Aysya that tyme shall' make yair allians to come to and aprese to Rome; and that shalbe the grete warr' aforsaide, for whye agayne yaim shalbe made bot litull'

¹ The dukedom of Brittany. Francis II. of Brittany died on 9 September, 1488, leaving two daughters, Anne, who married Charles VIII. of France in 1491, and Isabel, who died in 1490.

² The King of England, as explained below.

³ Ferdinand of Aragon.

⁴ The Kingdom of Granada.

⁵ Barbary.

⁶ Innocent VIII. died 25 July, 1492.

⁷ Alexander VI. occupied the papal throne from 11 August, 1492 to 18 August, 1503.

⁸ The Emperor Frederick III. died on 19 August, 1493.

⁹ Cologne (*Colonia Agrippa*).

recistens, for by yaim shalbe goten townes and castels that yett ar' Cristen. And that tyme the son of man of Westeuope, that is of Englande, shalbe crowned Kyng of Fraunce and shalbe [the] furst that shall' cause pease to be publisshed in Cristendome, and he shalbe a grete justiciar' to yaim that be under hym, and he shalbe a grete enemy to traytours. In the tyme of that kyng shalbe sene mony thynges at the com-mensement of his realme, for all treson then shalbe discoverd, and shall cost yaim mony of yaire lyves as to grete lordes and nobull' men. And in the yer' of oure Lorde a thousand CCCC. IIII² and XII. the kyng of England shall enter' the lande of the Floure de Lice,¹ with a grete pusaunce,² without departyng thens unto the tyme that he shalbe crowned, and that coronacion and victory shall' come to hym bye yaim of Esteuope, which shall' com to hym for socoure. And the peopull' of the Floure de Lice shall have that yer' strongly to do and suffer, and [it] shall cost the life of mony a man or ever it be doone, for the treson shalbe so mych and so grete that the realme of the Floure de Lice wilbe glade to be quyte of yaire king. Notwithstandyng the lordes of the same realme shall' recyst with gode wyll', bot the parties shalbe so mych that yai may not remedy it, and the adversite for the Floure de Lice shall com be water' and be lande.

And grete tyme after shalbe pease in Esteuope, bot before this ther' shalbe grete parties, for yai shalbe includet and intryket³ with the synne of lechery and of pryde, bot yai shalbe gode almusmen, and if yai be not, yai shall suffer' and have the promys of the profyete.

And that same tyme shall the king of Naples and the Romayns suffer mych for yaire synnes, the which dayly commyth, for yai leve not after Goddes lawes. And in that tyme shalbe crowned the Son of Man the Kyng of Floure de Lice, and then shalbe sene mony strange thynges as sterus with tayles and grete fyre in hem, and principally grete lyghtnyng towarde the son rysyng. And of the tokyns shall have as well the infidelles as the Cristen, for why yai shall fortify ther' walles and fortrasis that yai shall' thynke yaimselfe ingeonabull.⁴ Bot I Alfons Frisaunce certefy you that if yai make thaim of yren or of stele, it shall availe yaim nothyng when' the Cristen men shall' come opon yaim. Afore that day shall' the Cristen suffer', that is to say unto the tyme of the yer' of oure Lorde cum to XV.C., and whoo that lyve unto that yere shall' see Jerusalem Cristen, and ther' thay shall' fynde the bokes of my Maister Skalgayns afore the bokes of the Prophet Enok that leved before the Crucifyng of Oure Lorde, and after the which [he] prophesyed to the generacions of Jerusalem yair' destruccion.

And afore that tyme shall' Cristendome have mych payne as of warr' and hunger and mortalite, for why in the yer' of

¹ Henry VII. invaded France in October, 1492.

² 'puissance,' power.

³ 'Intricate,' involved in (Latin *intricatus*).

⁴ Impregnable, apparently 'engine-able.' Not in *New English Dict.*

oure Lorde XV. C. when the son commes and enters to his strenth, shall come in Europe a rayne and wynde, in such wise that in some place the iij^{de} person shall' not be leved on lyve, and the same wynde and rayne shall' cum owte of the northest, that mony that be on lyve on the even hole shalbe dede on the morrowe. And to the tyme of oure Lorde XV. C. yere shalbe no goode tyme of vetailes nor marchaundes through the most parte of Cristendome.

And I Alfons Frysaunce say that this that this (*sic*) yong childe shalbe borne of the blode of the presoner' Duke John' of Burgone, of the which I have spoken of before, and that the laste heires male shulde dye on a swerde, of the which shulde be leved bot one doughter, and of the same doughter shulde be borne þe same childe abowte the yer' of our Lorde a thousand CCCC. III^{xx} and XVIII.,¹ the which childe shall' reigne all' his life in goodenes and prosperite, and all infydelles and Cristens shall' hym fere that never sawe hym, for he shalbe a grete persecutor of the heythen and gitte a grete partie of the cuntrey of the Sarasyns and conquer'. And then the holy Saynt Peter' that then shall reigne shall goo with hym in propur person, the which holy Saynt Peter shalbe betrayed and poysonned, and that shalbe grete damage to all' Cristendome. And I have saide to you before who that lyves in the yer' of oure Lord XV. C. shall' se Jerusalem redemed in to Cristendome and Costantine nobull', the which were sumtyme Cristen. And I Alfons Frysaunce say to you agayne mony oder' thynges of this childe, the which shalbe grete profyte to Cristendome, and shall do more then I can say, bot who that lyve shall see mor, etc.

I Alfons Frysaunce was borne in the yer' of oure Lord a thousand [C]CC. III^{J^{xx}} and X. in Maye, and know well' that my dayes shall' ende at the age of a hundreth and x. yere, yett I had lever' all the goode that I am worth that I myght se the childe, bot it is not possible. And I say who that may lyve the yer' of oure Lorde XV. C. shall se more than he that lyved CCC. yer' befor'. And it shalbe profyte to all Cristendome to amende yaire lyves that yai may receyve the promysse of God.

Wretten at the Roodes, the yer' of oure Lorde a M' CCCC. and XXXI."

[Fo. 42.]

[1492.] Copy of king's commission regarding the lately ordained staple of metals, dwelling upon the advantages of finding employment for the people, etc. The deputies of the mayor of the staple are for London John Bracebrige or John Bradman, for the West Country the prior of Plumton, and others at Bristol, Leicester, West Chestre, York, and Newcastle-on-Tyne. It begins: "These articles folowyng conteyne and shewe a grete parte of the commodites and profettes that may growe by the staple of mettalles late ordeigned and established by the kyng and sover[a]igne

¹ The Emperor Charles V. was born on 24 February, 1500.

lorde, under his lettres patentes sealed with his grete seale of Englande, with the grete avayle also lyke to growe of silver mynes, th'establisshing and ordinaunce of which staples shalbe both honour and profett to the kinges highnes and to the universall wele and increse of all his subyettes lyke hereafter it may evydently appere." (See Appendix.)

[Fo. 43.]

[1492.]—List of the king's retinue into France,¹ whereof a fourth of his archers are to be on horseback and the others on foot at his wages. It includes seven earls, twelve lords, sixty-four knights, beginning with Sir Henry Verdon, and giving the number of spearmen and archers contributed by each one, the bishops and chaplains. The total is given as 12,680.

The outer cover has written upon it the following curious alphabetical poem, which is illegible in places owing to the rubbing away of the parchment. The letter E is not represented.

Alas! what rulythe the brydle rayne ?

Alas! that I lovyd so concupyscence.

Alas! tyme past maye not returne agayne.

Alas! that I lost it by neglygence.

Alas! to lernyng I had no dilligence.

Alas! that ever I lovyd unhappynes.

Alas! I bannysshyd reason and sadnes.

Beware, thou youthe, evermore of idlenes,

Beware of pryde and deadly synne,

Beware of wraythe, be rulyd by mekenes,

Beware right well of proude presumption.

Beware and reyse (?) of false rebellion.

Covet measure for thy bodily wealth,

Covet the way of thy soules healthe.

Covet [re]pentaunce for thy wretchednes.

Covet the company of Dame Fidelitie.

Covet heven with deedes of charytie.

Dread then God above all thing,

Dread lykewayes thy soveraigne kyng.

Dread to do thy neighbour an ne[wes]aunce.

Dread above other thy selfe to advaunce.

Followe the trace of truethe and rightuosnes.

Followe mekenes and also lowlynes.

Followe justyce without corruption.

Follow conscience at everie season.

Gladly be rulyd by counsell prudent.

Gladly to learne be thou myche dilligent.

Gladly serve God and thy prynce also.

Gladly be pacyent in trouble and woe.

Have God in thy mynd for evermore.

Have mercie and pittie allwaies on the pore.

Have s . . ant confidence in Goddes grete goodne[s].

Have thou no trust in wordly ryches.

¹ Cf. Rymer, *Fœdera*, xii., p. 477.

I knew no thing in youthe what I was.
 I thought full little so sure it woulde passe.
 I was (?) subdued ear that I was wa[re]
 I dyd never think of myne after year (?).

Know fyrst God selfe st . . . es
 Know well . . . thy neighbour
 Know well
 Know

Love God, feare God above all thing.
 Love no riāt nor backereckening.
 Love thy neighbour and chearishe thy wife.
 Love to be pacient and flye from stryfe.

Muche myschyffe commyth of great debate.
 Muche sorrowe commythe of envy and hate.
 Moche jo[i]e is groundyd in peace and unytye.
 Moche harme dothe growe of instabilitie.

No thing is sweter then the dew of grace.
 No man without charitie maye heven purchase.
 No man without labour science can have.
 No thing is better then pacience to crave.

O mortall man! ryse owt of deadly synne!
 O unkind man! to amend the begynne!
 O man! remember how God gyveth grace!
 O man! remember thy tyme and thy space!

Please God thy maker, kepe his commaundment.
 Please well thy prince and be thou obedient.
 Please God with pacience and perfect charitie.
 Please not the devyll throughe pride and envy.

Quare Deo fui sic contrarius?
Quare, heu! non ipsum amavi?
Quare, ve! sic semper peccavi?
Quare mundum frequentavi?

Right grevously I have God offendyd.
 Right little I thought for to be amendyd.

Support not wrong to right contrary.
 Support Justice with all thy diligence.
 Support not thy servaunt to do any villanye.
 Support non man when he dothe offend.

Truethe maye be bould in every place.
 Truethe is well tried in tyme and space.

Viri infor[tu]nati procul amici.

Wo worthe the love that breaketh faythe!
 Wo worthe the love that hat[h] no shame!
 Wo worth the tongue that contrary sayth!
 Wo worth those wittes that suche can frame! 204 (282).

An octavo volume in a late fifteenth century hand, containing S. Augustine *De Conflictu Vitiorum*.

c. 1500.—Chartulary of Willoughby lands in Gunthorpe and Lowdham, in large folio volume.¹ 204 (294).

c. 1500.—A like volume relating to Risley and Wollaton.¹ 204 (281).

[c. 1520].—A MS. book containing forms of writs, etc., precedents of actions, statutes, and other legal matter, including “Lectura Spylman sur l'estatut de Quo Warranto novo tempore Quadragesimali, anno 10 Henrici Octavi.” In all sixteen of Spylman's lectures, all in Law-French, are given. The book was afterwards used for the entry of various household and agricultural accounts, inventories, etc. 204.

Building accounts of Wollaton Hall, 1582-3, 1584-5, 1586, 1587, 1588. These consist of books of the payments of wages week by week and of other payments by the clerk charged with the payment of wages, and of statements of receipts and expenditure. They give very little information beyond the names and rates of pay of the workmen engaged upon the building. There are payments for “hewing” ashlar at Ancaster, and several payments to Smithson as imprest for task-work, but there is nothing to shew that he acted as “architector” in the modern sense, as he has been said to have done on the authority of his epitaph in Wollaton church. There is, however, nothing in the accounts to disprove that he held this position. In 1587 the payment to him is said to be “to paye owte for taske worke”. In September of this year there is a payment for “making a cesprey² for turning the water to the new howse, xixd.” In November of the same year there is an entry of “paid to the joynour of Darby by myself in parte of payment for seeling the dyning parlour, being 180 foote of measured weynskot at ijs. le foote, vii.; paid to him by my master at twoo severall tymes for the same worke, xiiijli.”

Small 4to paper volume bound in black leather, containing the notes made by Francis Willoughby, the natural philosopher, as the result of the examination and arrangement of the family papers by him and his friend John Ray. It is entitled by Willoughby: “Memoirs and observations taken out of old muniments, videlicet deeds, fines, accounts, court roles [*space for addition of other classes of records*], and all sorts of old writings which were found the most of them either at Wollaton or Middleton [*line and a half left blank*] chiefly concerning pedigrees, marriages, titles of land, purchases and sales, sutes in all courts [*line and a half left blank*] of the familie of the Willoughbies.”

After a reference to the grants from King Offa and King Kenulf of Mercia³ (p. 5), he gives notes on the manner of drawing up fines, stating that before the time of Henry III they began thus “Henricus, rex Angliæ,⁴ etc. Sciatis,

¹ See page 196, above.

² That is a conduit-pipe, from the French *soupirail*, Latin *suspiraculum*.

³ See page 197, above.

⁴ So in MS.

quod Robertus Marmion et Gaufridus, patruus suus, fecerunt finem coram me hoc modo, etc. *Vide Hen. 2.,*" and that in "other bargains not made before the king: 'Hæc est conventio facta inter, etc.' *Vide writings in Hen. I. time.* In Henre the 3d's time the forme was much the same as it is now, onely *impedientes* instead of *deforciantes*" (p. 11). He then gives brief abstracts of early deeds under each king's reign. The earliest one is: "Woodborough, *com. Not. 4 William 2d. (sic)* The will of John Perrot of Woodborough. His brother John, etc. his executors," followed by, "La Boxe, Wiken, 11 *et* 14 Hen. 1. William Little sells to Jordan Oliver lands in La Boxe. Jordan Oliver and Rosamund agree that Hen[ry] and his sons will doe the service William was wont to doe."¹ The next, "Mordun. 5 of King Stephen. Walterus de Clavilla to the Knights Hospitallers, a mill in Mordun" (p. 15) is based upon a fifteenth century copy dated "1140." At p. 21 the charter of Henry II to Fulk de Lusoriis (p. 2 above) is dated "between the 1 and 8 Hen. 2." The confirmation by "Richard Peck," bishop of Coventry, to the monastery of Poulesworth of the grant of Robert son of Galfrid and Amabilla his wife of the mills of Kingsburie (p. 9, above) is assigned to 9 Henry II. The charter of this king to William de Mora and Letia, his wife (p. 23 above) is noted, but no date is assigned to it. There are notes of the following charters that have not been found during the inspection:

"Com. Dor[set], Knolton. Hen. 2d. grants the hundred of Knolton to Nic. de Mol:"

"Hen[ry] 2. The king confirme to Robert son of Richard Hawis, the daughter of Richard Foliat, with all the lands which were her father's in England and Wales, which lands William, E[arl] of Glocester, confirmed to the said Ric: Foliat. This Wm. was son of Robert, Earle of Glocester, that assisted Maud the Empresse."

"Hen[ry] 2. Marmion. A fine before the king between Robert Marmion and Gaufridus, his unkle. Robert grants to his unkle Gaufridus Avon, Dichelместon, the Honnour of Landstephan, which were his grandfather's Roger's; and Gaufridus grants his nephew Robertus all his right in Wintringham and Scrivelby and in the fee of Mannaser Marmion, and releases all suites and actions."

"Between 1 and 6 Hen[ry] 2. Marmion. Robert son of Robert Marmion and Milicent confirme to the monasterie of Polesworth the mannour of Walton, forbidding them to assart the woods hee had given them and reserving to himselve hunting. Hee desires this may bee confirmed by the authoritie of the king and bisshops of Canterbury and Chester."

Page 23. "32 H[enry] 2. Willughby. The prior of the Knights Hospitallers of Jerusalem to Peter son of Ralph and Athelitia, lands which came from Richard son of Gervas

¹ There is an undated release and an agreement dated 14 Henry [II].

in Willughby. Robert de Heritz confirms the grant of Richard son of Gervas. Peter to pay 0. 4. 0 and $\frac{1}{3}$ of all goods for a mortuary."

There are no charters assigned to Richard I. Under the reign of John he notices the grants to William de Estutevilla of license to fortify his houses "de Cotingham" (*sic* for Cotingham; see p. 51, above) and of a market in that town (p. 36, above); the charter of Walergne (*sic*), earl of Warwick, to Alured Carpenter of Wissall and Gamell Blunt (p. 24, above, where it is assigned to an earlier date); and that of "William, earle of Ferrers, to Roger son of Humfrie [of] a marsh in the fee of Engl' for $\frac{1}{2}$ m[ark]. Sibill, his countesse, is one of the witnesses."

Under Henry III he begins to arrange the abstracts under counties and manors or towns. At p. 47 to 61 he gives a history of the Marmions (see p. 506, below). He continues this arrangement, with occasional genealogical notes, to the end of the reign of Edward III. From Richard II to Edward IV the abstracts are neatly written, in what seems to be the hand of John Ray, under the names of the counties, which are arranged in alphabetical order, and the names of the manors, etc. The abstracts are continued until the end of the reign of Henry VII in an oblique, scratchy hand.

MISCELLANEOUS ROLLS, BOOKS AND PAPERS.

1262—A parchment roll, imperfect at beginning. It bears the headings: "Redditus et servicia, que Dominus Henricus de Apeldrefeud habet de empto suo in villa de Sunderesse" [Sundridge, co. Kent];—"De redditibus et serviciis de perquisitu Domini de Priore et Conventu de Merthone in Sunderesse." There is also another imperfect roll, which seems to be a portion of the above. It has the headings; "Rotulus de redditibus gallinarum de Sunderesse att[erminatis] ante Natale Domini, anno XL^o septimo incipiente"; "Redditus quondam Abbatis de Boxle in Sundr³"; and "Redditus gallinarum de perquisitu Domini in villa de Sunderesse."

[c. 1300.]—Roll giving list of possessions of villeins (?) in Linintone and Barmling [Linton and Barming, co. Kent]. 38.

A roll of thirteen rolls in an early fourteenth century hand, endorsed "Propria irrotulamenta de Termino Pasche anno viij^o et deinceps," containing transcripts of enrolments in the rolls of the king's Bench(?)¹ of the seventh to the eleventh years of the reign [of Edward II]. Each is prefaced by a heading as to its legal importance. The first is Hilary term, *anno septimo*, "Memorandum, de bona narratione, quam Dominus de Bereford narravit, videlicet qualiter quidam Dominus Willelmus de Parles,² miles, in quodam comitatu³

¹ The references are, *inter alia*, "anno x (?), rot. ccccxxiiij," Trin. co. Not. rot. 90," "Hil. anno xi, rot. 130."

² Cf. *Inquisitiones post Mortem*, i, pp. 68, 69, 70; *Calendar of Close Rolls*, 1279-1288, p. 2.

³ County Court, shiremoote.

sedens, manifeste et stulte dixit cuidam homini, qui ei transgressus fuerat, quod ei redderet pro loco et tempore. Postea contigit quod idem vir, de quodam quondam suo garcione sibi malivolo insidiatus, ipso die incedendo de illo comitatu per viam, fuit interfectus. Unde de inquisicione coram coronatore capta, non inveniebatur aliquis cui inputabatur dicta feloniam, nisi dictus Willelmus miles minas fecit eidem interfecto. Per quod idem miles indictatus et in iudicio productus, se posuit in inquisicionem patrie, cujus veredictum ipsum reddidit culpabilem, et fuit suspensus. Postmodum terre et tenementa sua fuerunt seisita in manu domini regis, et quondam (*sic*) manerium suum, scilicet Honesworth¹ in comitatu Staffordie, cum aliis tenementis suis fuerunt seisita in manu domini regis, et dictus rex illud manerium commisit domine regine," etc. This was probably prepared by or for Sir Richard Willoughby, Chief Justice of the King's Bench in the early years of Edward III. 24.

1332-3.—A roll of thirteen rolls containing the proceedings before Richard de Grey, Henry de Grey, John Darcy "le neveu," Nicholas de Langeford, John de Twyford, and Richard de la Pole, appointed by letters patent dated at Westminster, 23 March, 6 Edward III [cf. *Calendar of Patent Rolls, 1330-1334*, p. 295], keepers of the peace and justices of oyer and terminer in co. Derby, and before Richard de Grey, Darcy, and Robert de Perpount and William de Gotham, appointed by like commission for co. Nottingham (roll 7). The roll contains the presentments of the jurors of the towns of Derby and Nottingham and of the wapentakes of the two counties. The offences presented are theft, burglary, murder, harbouring of felons. Most of these crimes seem to have been committed by one band of outlaws under the leadership of James Coterel. The same offences are presented by the jurors of several wapentakes, with slight differences in wording occasionally.

The jurors of Derby present that James Coterel, Nicholas and John, his brothers, Roger le Sauvage, Stephen de Edenesovere, Nicholas de Calton, Walter the servant of James Coterel, William de Bucstones [Buxton, co. Derby], Thomas de Bucstones, William de Eyom, and Henry Ody with others unknown slew Thomas Ithel and William de Pare in the town of Asshebourne [Ashborne, co. Derby], on the night of Tuesday in Easter week, 5 Edward III, and burgled the house of Geoffrey le Wright there, and there robbed Roger de Wandesleye of armour and other goods to the value of 100s., and robbed William de Pare of armour and other goods to the value of 50s., and robbed Thomas Ithel of armour, etc., to the value of 60s. They also present that Robert Bernard, Hugh le Procuratour of Baukewell [Bakewell, co. Derby], and Henry Ivessone harboured the aforesaid felons at Baukewell in 5 and 6 Edward III, after the commission

¹ Cf. *Inq. post Mortem*, i, p. 69b.

of the said felonies and knowing that they were outlawed in co. Nottingham. And that John de Bradbourn and William, his brother, Henry de Sheyle, Eustace de Foleville, Walter and Laurence, his brothers, "maintained" the said James Coterel and the others, knowing that they were outlawed, by riding armed with them when needed and by aiding them in the commission of the felonies aforesaid. And that John Lovet, Walter de Foleville, and Nicholas de Eton slew William de Longeforde and John de Tyssyngton at the Frereyate in Derby about midnight on Wednesday after St. Gregory, 6 Edward III. And that James Coterel, Henry Ody of Assheburn, William de Eyom, Nicholas Coterel, Stephen de Edenesovere, and Walter, servant of James Coterel, slew William de Knyveton, knight, and John Matkynsone at Bradeleye [Bradley, co. Derby] on Tuesday after St. Barnabas, 4 Edward III. And that William Hodson¹ (hanged, *sus*'), late the servant of William Sylcok of Derby, broke by night the house of Maud de Barewe of Bolton [Boulton, in Derby] at Bolton, and robbed her of 60s. in money and of goods value 20s. in the fifth year of the reign.

The jurors of the wapentake of Repeatingdon [Repton, co. Derby] present, amongst other things, that Roger de Wendesleye, William Pare, Thomas Ithel, and Walter de Perton slew Laurence Coterel and John Derleye at the Annunciation, 4 Edward III.

The jurors of the wapentake of Wyrkesworth and Appeltre [co. Derby] present that James Coterel, Nicholas, his brother, Walter, servant of James, and William de Eyom slew William Pare and Thomas Ithel (as above), and that Roger le Sauvage, Nicholas de la Forde, Richard de Slepe, Thomas son of Thomas de Bukstones, John de Berde, Yevan le Raggede, John de Bradbourn, and William, his brother, Henry Hody, and John Sire were present and aiding. And that William son of Henry le Porter slew Walter Tyste at Brasyngton [Brassington, co. Derby] on Thursday after the Purification, 6 Edward III, and that John Coterel was there aiding him, and that Nicholas son of Hugh le Boler is a groom of the said John Coterel, and helped him in the commission of the said felony and served him after sentence of outlawry had been pronounced against the said John.

The jurors of the wapentake of Morleyston and Lychirch [Morleston and Litchurch Hundred, co. Derby] present that William de Aune, knight, is a receiver and maintainer of Roger le Sauvage, who was outlawed in co. Nottingham for felony, and received him at Steynesby [Stainsby, parish of Ault Hucknall, co. Derby].

The jurors of the wapentake of Scarvesdale [Scarsdale, co. Derby] and of the town of Chestrefeld present Henry son of Ivo of Tatyngton [Taddington, co. Derby], and William Alisaundre of Tyddeswelle [Tideswell, cc. Derby] as maintainers of James Coterel and his fellows, outlaws, by sending

¹ Called 'William son of John Hoddemon (and Huddemon) of Bolton' by the jurors of Morleyston and Lychirch wapentake.

them food when desired at Blacwell [Blackwell, co. Derby] and elsewhere in the county, 6 Edward III. And that Walter de Anne is of the society of the said James and of Roger Sauvage, consenting to all the felonies above presented against them. And that William son of Roger de Uston and Walter, servant of Walter de Uston, robbed Roger son of John le Mazoun of Chestrefeld at Bromleye¹ of a coat (*collobio*), price 2*s.*, and of a sword, price 12*d.*, on Thursday before the Exaltation, 4 Edward III, and that they there bound him. And that William de Uston is a maintainer of William Bustlard, Walter, servant of Walter de Uston, and Roger le Sauvage, outlaws. And that Nicholas, brother of the said William [de Uston], received the said Walter, Roger and Nicholas (*sic*), and that he received William Bustlard, outlawed in co. Derby for the death of Richard Cotel of Chestrefeld and Alan Stotard of the same, and that he is a common maintainer and receiver of such malefactors. And that Robert Bernard² (*clericus convictus*), vicar of Baukewell, Hugh Procuratour,² and Nicholas atte Forde were maintainers of John Coterel and his fellows at Baukewell and in the Peak (*Pecko*) and elsewhere in the county about St. Peter in Cathedra, 6 Edward III. And that Thomas son of Thomas le Procuratour is of the society of the said James, riding armed with him to the disturbance of the peace before and after he [James] was outlawed, receiving and maintaining him at Bauquell.

The jurors of the first inquest of Baukewell present that James Coterel, Nicholas Coterel, John Coterel, Roger le Sauvage, Walter and Adam, servants of the said James, Stephen de Edenesovere, William de Eyom, Thomas de Bukstones, William, his brother, John son of John Folejaumbe of Berde [Beard, parish of New Mills, co. Derby], Henry son of Hugh Taup of Asshebourn, William Shyrard of co. Stafford, Richard, his brother, Nicholas Shyrard of Forde, Thomas de Rodeyerde, Thomas de Greneweeye, John de Rodeyerde, William le Shavaldour, Henry le Palfreyman, Walter de Stafford, Henry de Nedham, Nicholas son of Roger de (*sic*) Melner, and Simon, brother of the said Nicholas, slew Thomas Ithel and William Pare at Asshebourn on Wednesday in Easter week, 5 Edward III. And that Hugh de Goneston, Robert Bernard, vicar, Thomas de Rysbergh, Giles, servant of John de Berde, Thomas son of Leticia de Weston, John atte Grene of Bukstanes, Walter Scot, Henry de Marketon, chaplain, John de Gloucestria of Castleton, Robert de Eyom of Bobenhulle [Bubnell, parish of Baslow St. Anne, co. Derby], John de Boudone, Yevan le Raggede, Henry son of Ivo de Tadyngton, Simon le Croudere,² Nicholas del Forde, William de Chetelton, knight, John de Leghe, knight, Robert de Legh, John de Grymmesby of Lincoln, Adam de Berde of Hayfeld

¹ Probably Bramley, in Marshlane, parish of Eckington. There is a Bramley Vale in Glapwell, parish of Bolsover, also in the wapentake of Scarsdale.

² Cf. *Calendar of Patent Rolls, 1330-1334*, p. 291.

[Hayfield, co. Derby], Thomas de Melton, Thomas Folejaumbe of Berde, William Fegge of Assheforde, Robert, brother of Henry de Nedham, William le Porter of Caldelowe [Callow, parish of Wirksworth], Nicholas Daniel, William Faber de Capella [Chapel-en-le-Frith, co. Derby], William Sparwe, Henry Cay of Prestclyve [Priestcliffe, parish of Taddington] and John, his brother, Richard son of Ivo de Tadyngton, Eustace de Folevyle, Laurence and Walter, his brothers, Nicholas Syward of Cheylmardon [Chelmorton, co. Derby], Nicholas Fox, Richard le Heyward, William Crowe, John de Fyndryn, Richard le Webbestor, Hugh, vicar of the church of Yolgreve [Youlgreave, co. Derby], Joan, wife of Nicholas de Rydware, Nicholas Froward¹ of Wyrkesworth, William de Mappelton of Asshebourn, Ralph de Spayne, bailiff of the High Peak, John del Halle of Castleton [Castleton, co. Derby], Robert de Calfvovere [Calver, parish of Curbar, co. Derby] of Bobinhulle, Robert son of Richard Folejaumbe of Borouhull, John son of Thomas de Beleye, William son of Hugh Lukesone, chaplain, Thomas de Cheylmardon, chaplain, Nicholas de Calton, Philip de Turvyle,² John de Kynardesleye,² John Clarel,² Nicholas Teynterel,² Richard de Haveryngg,² and William de Leycestria,² canons of Lichefeld, maintained and received at Bauquell and Mackeworth [Mackworth, co. Derby] about St. Peter in Cathedra, in the 6th year of the reign, the said James and the others before-named after the commission of the felony aforesaid. And that Adam de Assheby received Finianus de Standon, outlawed for felony. And that John de Bradbourn, Richard and William, his brothers, maintained, received and sustained James Coterel and other outlaws at Bradebourn [Bradbourne, co. Derby], and elsewhere about the feast of St. Valentine, 6 Edward III. And that Hugh son of Peter de Hardyngbothe of co. Stafford carried victuals to James and his fellows at the park of Marketon [Markeaton, parish of Mackworth] after they were outlawed, and that he is of their society. And that William de Hetcote³ of Tydiswell and William Alessandre maintained and received James and other outlaws at Tiddeswell about the feast of St. Gregory, 6 Edward III. And that John Bozoun,⁴ the younger, maintained and received James and other outlaws, and rode with them with armed power in co. Derby after their outlawry, to wit from Christmas, in the fifth year, until the first Sunday of Lent following, and that he fed them at the hermitage of Leyes and received them there.

The jurors of the second inquest of the town of Baukwell present, amongst other things, that James Coterel and other outlaws were received at Medeweplot, at Blacwell [Blackwell,

¹ Cf. *Calendar of Close Rolls, 1330-1333*, p. 508.

² Cf. *Calendar of Close Rolls, 1330-1333*, p. 603.

³ ?Heathcote, in Biggin, parish of Wirksworth, co. Derby.

⁴ Cf. *Calendar of Patent Rolls, 1330-1334*, p. 291.

co. Derby], at Moldrikgraunge [Mouldridge Grange, in Brasington, parish of Bradbourne], and at Grenelowe [Grindlow, parish of Bradwell, co. Derby].

The jurors of the town of Asshebourne present, amongst other things, that William de Chetelton, knight, John de Lye, knight, Robert, his brother, Thomas de Bucstones, dwelling in Baukwell, William, his brother, dwelling in Eyom [Eyam, co. Derby], Thomas le Procuratour, Thomas de Rysbergh, Eustace de Folevyle, Robert, his brother, John de Gloucestria, and John de Grymmesby are aiders of the said James Coterel and received him at Bauquell about the feast of St. Scholastica, in the 6th year.

The jurors of the first inquest of the Peak present that James Coterel, Nicholas Coterel, John Coterel, Stephen de Edenesovere, William de Eyom, William de Bucstones, Thomas de Bucstones, Nicholas Syward, the younger, Richard atte Yate of Baukwell, Henry Ody of Asshebourne, Walter, the servant of James Coterel, and John Folejaumbe of Berde, who are outlawed for divers felonies, wander about the country, and draw to themselves in their company Richard Botlyn, William Russel, Giles Suelyng, Henry Bolderston, John de Boudon, John Yonwan, William son of John le Archer, Richard Niddesone, Robert son of Henry de Eyom, John de Gloucestria, Robert son of Robert le Tailleur of Castelton, Adam de Irton, Simon le Croudere, Walter de Cotesbache, William de Chetelton, knight, John de Rodyerd, Thomas de Rodyerd, Thomas de Rysbergh, Richard Shyrard, William Shyrard, Thomas le (*sic*) Greneweys, Walter de Stafford, John de Lye, knight, Robert de Lye, Roger le Sauvage, John de Grymmesby of Lincoln, Walter de Aune and John de Cheworth, who are common malefactors and coadjutors and maintainers of the said James and other outlaws.

The jurors of the second inquisition of the Peak present, amongst other things, that Nicholas son of John de Tadyngton frequently bought victuals at Baukwell and elsewhere in the county for the use of James Coterel and other outlaws, and carried the same to them at Shakelowe [recorded in Great Shacklow Wood, in Sheldon, parish of Bakewell] and elsewhere when desired, and he thus maintained, received and sustained them.

The jurors of the first inquest of the county of Derby present that Eustace de Folevill,¹ Laurence de Folevill, Walter de Folevill, Robert de Folevill, and Richard de Folevill, parson of the church of Ty [Teigh, co. Rutland],² received and had for their part about the Purification, in the 6th year, by the hands of malefactors unknown, 300 marks in the park of Marketon from the moneys of Richard de Wylugheby, knowing of, and consenting to, the robbery thereof. And that James Coterel,

¹ Cf. *Calendar of Close Rolls, 1327-1330*, p. 416, where Eustace de Folevill is described as of Ty, and *Calendar of Close Rolls, 1333-1337*, p. 128.

² This rector of Teigh captured Richard de Willoughby, the justice, near Grantham after Christmas, 1332 (Kynghton's *Chronicle*, p. 460).

Nicholas Coterel, John Coterel, John de Bradeburn and William de Bradeburn had 40 marks for their part of the robbery. And that Robert Tochet, lord of Marketon, Edmund Tochet, parson of the church of Makworth, Robert Bernard and Hugh de Gunston,¹ proctors of the church of Baukewell, received and maintained James Coterel and Eustace de Folevill, outlaws, at Baukewell, Mackeworth, and Marketon about the feast of St. Valentine, in the 6th year. And that James Coterel, Nicholas and John, his brothers, Roger Sauvage, Stephen de Edenesovere, Walter and Adam, servants of James, Eustace de Folevill, Laurence, Walter and Robert, his brothers, Robert de Griseleye, Edmund and Roger, his brothers, William Corbet of Tasseleye [Tasley, co. Salop], Nicholas de Eton, John de Dunston of Walton (co. Derby), William de la Warde, the younger, Robert son of Richard Folejaumbe, Nicholas de la Forde, Robert son of Matthew de Vylers, Nicholas de Sparham and Waiter Comyn ride with armed force secretly and openly, and are maintainers and receivers of Ralph son of Geoffrey de Repyndon, Roger le Megre, and Reginald de la More, notorious thieves, outlawed in that county, and that they received them at Denewalehay² in the second week of Lent, in the sixth year. And that Geoffrey le Wodeward of Marketon is a maintainer and receiver of Eustace de Folevill and other outlawed malefactors, carrying to them victuals in the park of Marketon for the use of Eustace, James Coterel and others, and that he had $\frac{1}{4}$ part of the money stolen from Richard de Wylughby, to wit 100s.

The jurors of the second inquisition of the Peak present that Gilbert de la Bruere,³ supplying the place of the dean of Lichfield, Philip de Turvill, John Clarel, and William de Leycestria, canons of the church of Lichfield, are common receivers of James Coterel, Nicholas Coterel, Roger Sauvage, and Walter Jamesman and other outlawed malefactors, and that they received them at Baukewell in their houses, before and after their outlawry, in the fifth and sixth years of the reign. And that Hugh de Lekeburn, vicar of the church of Yolgrave, gave the said James Coterel 40s. for his maintenance, on Saturday before the Annunciation, in the 6th year. [Several presentments for receiving the said James and others; among those presented is Alice Folejaumbe,⁴ lady of Elton, co. Derby.]

The jurors of the town of Derby present that James Coterel, Nicholas and John, his brothers, Roger le Sauvage, Stephen de Edenesovere, Nicholas de Calton, Walter, servant of James Coterel, William de Bukestones, Thomas de Bukestones, William de Eyom, and Henry Ody are common male-

¹ "Hugh le Procuratour" in *Calendar of Patent Rolls, 1330-1334*, p. 291.

² A wood in Repton, co. Derby. See I. H. Jeayes, *Descriptive Catalogue of Derbyshire Charters*, London, 1906, nos. 1958, 1980; *Cal. Pat. Rolls, 1338-1340*, p. 2.

³ Cf. *Calendar of Close Rolls, 1330-1333*, p. 603.

⁴ Cf. *Calendar of Close Rolls, 1330-1333*, p. 601.

factors and disturbers of the peace, drawing to themselves unlawful assemblies in public and private places, and that they beat men in fairs and markets, and extort intolerable ransoms. And that Henry Ody and Walter, servant of James Coterel, beat, wounded and maimed John de Knyveton at Chestrefeld on Tuesday the Invention of the Cross, in the fifth year of the reign. And that Eustace de Folevill and Laurence, his brother, riding with an armed force against the king's peace, threatened Robert Foucher of Osmundeston [Osmaston, co. Derby] that they would slay him, so that he could pass on no side for fear of death until he made fine with them in 100s., which he paid to them at Makworth. And that Eustace and Laurence took in like manner 60s. from John Parys, a brother of Burton St. Lazars [co. Leicester], at Spondon [co. Derby]. And that James Coterel, Nicholas and John, his brothers, and Walter, his servant, riding with armed force threatened Ralph Murimouth of Baukwell, so that he made fine with them in 100s. for fear of death, which he paid to them at Baukwell. And that Eustace de Folevill, Walter and Laurence, his brothers, took 10 marks in the same way from William son of Walter le Clerk of Marketon, chaplain, which he paid them at Marketon. And that the said Eustace, Walter and Laurence are of the household of Robert Tochet, lord of Marketon, and of Edmund, his brother, wearing their robes and dwelling with them, and that Robert and Edmund know of the ransoms and fines taken by Eustace, Walter and Laurence, and consent with them.

The jurors of the wapentake of Wirk[sworth] and Appeltre present that James Coterel, Nicholas and John, his brothers, Roger le Sauvage (and others) came with force and arms to Baukwell church on St. Stephen's day, 2 Edward III., and entered the church, and they threw down (*deposuerunt*) Walter Can, vicar of the church, and took 10s. from the offerings; and they say that James and the others are maintained by the dean and chapter of Lichfield in all the trespasses committed by them against the church of Baukwell.

The jurors of the first inquisition of Baukwelle present that James Coterel, Nicholas and John Coterel, Roger Sauvage, Walter and Adam, servants of James, Stephen de Edenesovere, William de Eyom, Thomas de Bukestones, William de Bukestones, John son of John Folejaumbe of Berd, Henry son of Hugh Taup of Assheburn, Eustace de Folevill, Laurence and Walter, his brothers, Nicholas Syward of Cheylmardon [Chelmorton, co. Derby], Nicholas Fox, William de Chetelton, knight, John de Lye, knight, Robert de Lye, John de Bradebourn and Richard and William, his brothers, rode armed in co. Derby publicly and secretly, and sent letters under the royal stile (*sub stilo regio*) to William de Birchovere for 20l., which they had, and to Thomas Cort of Edenesovere [Edensor, co. Derby] for 40s., of which they had 20s., in the fifth and sixth years of the reign.

The jurors of the second inquest of Baukwell present that the aforesaid men rode armed in manner of war by day and by night, and sent letters to divers men of the country for money, to wit to Ralph Stolp for 40s., to Thomas Cort for 20s., to Henry de Padleye for 20s., which they had, and so to many men of the same county, in the fifth and sixth years of the reign.

The jurors of the first inquisition of the High Peak present that James Coterel, Nicholas Coterel, Stephen de Edenesovere, Roger le Sauvage, and Nicholas de la Forde and others unknown, in the fifth year of the reign, took John de Stanclif in his house at Mapelton [Mapleton, co. Derby], and carried him away at Le Malcave [Malcolf, parish of Chapel-en-le-Frith], and there imprisoned him, and detained him in the house of Nicholas de la Forde for one week until he took an oath that he would never be against them, and besides this they took from him a bond for 20*l.*, to be paid if he opposed them. And that Godfrey Folejaumbe retained divers malefactors for the sake of taking money from men by extortion, and that he thus took 20s. from the vicar of Yolgreve.

Ro. 7. The jurors of the town of Nottingham present that John Sherewynd, servant of Nicholas Coterel, adheres to and serves James Coterel and Nicholas Coterel, outlawed for divers felonies, being their spy (*explorator*) at Nottingham and elsewhere in co. Nottingham, in the fifth and sixth years of the reign. And that William de Dunesby adhered to and served fifteen days William Pymme, outlawed in co. Nottingham, and that he carried letters from him to William, the chaplain of Bonyngton [Sutton Bonnington, co. Notts], for money to send to William Pymme. And that Henry de Wynkeburn caused a letter to be made and sent to William de Amyas¹ at Nottingham by an unknown man, containing that William should send 20*l.* to the society of "gentz savages," to be paid at Nottingham to a man bearing an indented bill, the second part whereof came to William with the letter, under grievous threats of burning everything that he had outside the town, and Henry afterwards came to Nottingham with the other part of the indenture and demanded the said 20*l.* for the use of the society aforesaid.

The jurors of the wapentake of Brokelestowe [Broxtowe, co. Notts] present that Henry de Wynkeburn maliciously sent a letter of credence to William de Amyas of Nottingham to obtain money under threat. And that William de Aune and William de Uston ride armed and take royal prises without warrant and without making payment in the wapentake of Brokelstowe and elsewhere in the county, taking corn and other victuals from Robert le Colyer and other men in the same county to the value of 20 marks and more, in the fifth and sixth years.

The jurors of the town of Newerk present that Henry de Wynkeburn is the bearer of letters sent by James Coterel, Roger

¹ A wealthy merchant of Nottingham and one of the jurors.

Sauvage and William Pymme to William Amyas of Nottingham to extort money from him. And that Lecia Pymme of Bonyngton carried a letter to the parson of Cortlyngstok [Cortlingstock, co. Notts] and Robert de Barton to extort money from them, directed to them by William Pymme, her son, grievously threatening them.

The jurors of Bingham [co. Notts] present that Henry de Wynkeburn carried a letter to Geoffrey Loterel that he should deliver to him 40*l.* for the use of James Coterel and other outlaws.

The jurors of the wapentake of Brokelstowe present that William son of John de Uston with others unknown robbed Walter le Carpenter of Mamesfeld [Mansfield, co. Notts] and John son of Thomas de Mamesfeld in the field of Mamesfeld on Tuesday before Christmas, 5 Edward III, of goods and chattels, to wit woollen and linen cloth and silver in pennies, to the value of half a mark, and that he is a common thief. And that William de Aune, knight, knowingly received James Coterel and Roger Sauvage in his manor of Grineleye [Gringley, co. Notts] after their outlawry. And that William de Aune and William de Uston are maintainers of James Coterel and Roger le Sauvage, outlawed for felonies, and that they are maintainers of many other malefactors, robbers, and senders of letters under the royal stile to obtain and extort money from divers men of the country. And that William de Uston made and forged (*fabricavit*) false money in the likeness of the king's money at Rodmerthweyt [Radmanthwaite, parish of Mansfield] on Monday after the Purification, 1 Edward III, continuing for the four following years until he enfeofed William Trussebut, knight, of the manor of Rodmerthweyt, to the deceit of the people, etc., because such money was used in place of lawful money in public and private places in the county for the said time, to wit at Redmerthweyt and elsewhere in the wapentake of Brokelstowe.

The jurors of the wapentake of Neuwerk and Ryseclyve [Rushcliffe, co. Notts] present that William Moycok of Bonyton [Sutton Bonnington, co. Notts] and William de Dunnesby are grooms of William Pymme, outlawed for felony, leading him through divers places in the country and seeking victuals for him, and that they received him with his society at Bonyton about Christmas, 5 Edward III, and afterwards on various occasions. And that William son of Gilbert de Gotham and Thomas de Bolewyk, bailiff, together with the said William Moycok, are receivers and helpers of the said William Pymme, and that they received him at Bonyngton and Kynston [Kingston-on-Soar, co. Notts], in the fifth year of the reign.

Ro. 9. Inquisition taken at Cesterfeld. The jurors of [the wapentake of] Scarvesdale present that William de Aune, knight, received at the manor of Steynesby, on Thursday after St. Chad, 6 Edward III, Roger Sauvage, James Coterel, Nicholas Coterel, John Coterel, and John de Grymmesby of

Lincoln, knowing them to be outlawed, and that he sustained and daily sustains them out of his goods and chattels. And that William son of Hugh del Hethe came, on Thursday the feast of St. Stephen, in the fifth year of the reign, to the house of Robert Fraunceys at Hertestoft [Hardstoft, parish of Ault Hucknall] as an envoy of Roger Sauvage to demand 40s. from Robert by means of threats, by reason of which threats Robert left his house and durst not dwell therein for a long time. And that Roger le Sauvage, William de Uston, John Hare, William son of Hugh del Hethe, William le Couper of Steynesby, and Henry Ody of Asshebourne took Henry son of Albredus del Heth, a free man, and imprisoned him at Steynesby on Monday after St. Dunstan, in the fifth year of the reign, and detained him there for a month, and took and drove away and sold his goods and chattels, to wit four oxen, three cows, five stirks (*stirkett'*), and 40 sheep.

Ro. 10. Gaol delivery at Nottingham on Wednesday after St. Matthew, 6 Edward III, made by the same justices. William de Chetelton, knight, John de Leye, knight, and Robert, his brother, indicted for breaking the manor of Sibyl de Furneux at Carleton in Lyndryk, co. Nottingham, and beating Thomas de Furneux, John de Bothemeshull, Robert de Hykelton, Robert de Bothemeshull, chaplain, William de Chernok, Henry the cook, and John de Brompton, her servants, breaking the closed door of her chamber and endeavouring to ravish Joan, late the wife of John de Horreby, knight, produced pardons of the king for the outlawry pronounced against them in this behalf.

Henry de Wynkebourne, indicted for sending a letter to William de Amyas demanding money for the society called "*la compaignie sauvage*," and for carrying a similar letter to Geoffrey Luterell, knight, acknowledged the charges, and is remitted to prison until the court be further advised.

William¹ son of Roger de Uston sentenced to be hanged for a robbery in the field of Mammesfeld, after conviction.

Richard le Shepherd, taken at Nottingham at the suit of Ivetta, daughter of Henry le Clerk, by appeal of robbery before John Rosel, coroner, for stealing fifty-seven sheep, price 50s., from her at Blitheworth [Blidworth], co. Nottingham, is sentenced to be hanged, after conviction.

Nicholas de Holm, dwelling in Gunthorp [co. Notts], and Andrew de Knyveton, taken at the suit of Agnes Alex[andri ?] de Hoveryngham, servant of Thomas de Goushull, by appeal of robbery before John Rosel, one of the coroners, for sheep-stealing, are convicted by the jury, and Andrew is sentenced to be hanged and Nicholas is handed over to the ordinary (John, rector of Colwyk, dean of Nottingham) as a convicted clerk.

Stephen le Taverner of Nottingham, indicted for the rape of Joan, wife of Thomas de Normanton of Nottingham, on

¹ Cf. *Calendar of Close Rolls, 1330-1333*, p. 603.

Thursday before the Circumcision, 15 Edward II, and for beating Henry Whithe Honne of Nottingham to death with a staff outside the Chapelbarre of Nottingham on the hill near the Cross, on Wednesday the feast of St. James, 3 Edward III, is acquitted by the jury.

Roger le Orfevre of Nottingham, indicted for beating Matilda de Cotegrave at Nottingham, breaking her legs and maiming her, in the second year of the reign, and for beating Margery la Lystere and Matilda de Crophull at Nottingham, 19 Edward II, and for being confederated with Stephen le Taverner of Nottingham and other malefactors in the town of Nottingham to maintain one another in all their suits and prises, just or unjust, and for threatening William Norre, so that for fear of death he made fine with him in 20s., and for taking 20s. in like manner from William Fykeys, 40s. from William Godeynogh, and from others, and for beating William de Wylughby, rector of St. Peter's, Nottingham, William de Skeggeby, and Hugh Stoile, and for being a common malefactor, confesses and prays to be admitted to make fine with the king. He is admitted to a fine of half a mark, in consideration of his long imprisonment and of his estate, and his pledges mainpern for his good behaviour hereafter.

Stephen le Taverner of Nottingham, indicted for beating Gilbert de Hoveryngham, Robert de Halton, baker, William de Whatton, tailor, Goda, hand-maiden of Maya la Norys, and Roger le Orfevre at Nottingham, in the third year of the reign, and for confederating with Richard le Taverner and other malefactors of the town of Nottingham, who are convicted, that one should maintain the other in all their suits and prises, just and unjust, and for being accustomed to coerce by threats parties pleading in the court of Nottingham to take days of agreement (*dies amoris*) and to agree out of fear against their will, and for taking by such threats fines from certain men for his own use, to wit 40s. from John de Bredon upon one occasion and half a mark upon another, half a mark from Robert de Haliton, half a mark from Robert de Derby, 5s. 4d. from Peter de Carliolo, and so from others, and for threatening the jurors of inquisitions so that they durst not say the truth, etc., confesses, and is admitted to a fine of half a mark in consideration of his long imprisonment, etc.

Payn le Draper and Simon de Chestre, bailiffs of the town of Derby, are in mercy because they did not come before the said justices at Nottingham concerning the gaol delivery, as they had been summoned by the sheriff. The amercements are affered by the justices at half a mark.

Many of the adherents of Coterel are acquitted by the juries, whilst others are remanded before the king's Bench, in accordance with a writ, dated 26 November, 6 Edward III [*Calendar of Close Rolls, 1330-1333*, p. 616; *cf. also p. 425*], to send the indictments, etc., into that court [roll 8d.]. From roll 9 it appears that James Coterel and others (unnamed)

were outlawed in the last eyre of William de Herle in co. Derby and Nottingham, that is in 1330 [*Calendar of Close Rolls, 1330-1333*, pp. 34, 43, 56, 58, 59, 124, 129, 233, 252]. 179.

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1591.—Rentals of "my lord's" house and tenements in Holborne, (twelve tenements "on Staple Inne side," twelve "on Barnardes Inne side," two "over the gate," five "in Holborne," and "Gerardes garden"), producing in all 5*l.* 2*s.* 8*d.* yearly. Receipt signed by "W. Burplegh," [Lord

Treasurer] for 25*l.* from Sir Francis Willoughby for a quarter's rent of the Castell in Holborne. This Castell, which formerly belonged to Malmesbury Abbey, was sold to Henry Willoughby by John Beamont, who had it from the king. These facts are recited in a copy of legal proceedings in 36 Henry VIII., wherein Willoughby complains that he and not Beamont is distrained by the king. Lease, dated 12 July, 1595, by Thomas Willoughby of Boreplace, co. Kent, esquire, to Thomas Valence of Lincoln's Inn, co. Middlesex, esquire, for 21 years of "the uppermost chambers and roomes in the highest storie of that his messuage and tenement called 'Willoughby Howse' sett and being nere the grandge in Lincolnes Inne feeldes, which are in these presentes hereafter mencioned, that is to saye the uppermost chamber in the said howse called the little chamber with a chimney in it, and a closett or studye in the same chamber, one other chamber without a chimney adjoyninge to the said litle chamber," and a gallery with a chimney in it, all of which are on one floor, and the use and occupation of the turret of the same house, at a yearly rent of 4*l.*

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1594-5 to 1601-2.—Court Rolls of the manor of Braundon, with the tithings of Thurlaston, Bretford, and Calcott [co. Warwick], 37-44 Elizabeth. 194 (228)

1597-8.—Book containing rental of Willughby super Woldes, the account of John Wealch for receipts and payments there from the Annunciation, 1597, to Michaelmas, 1598.

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1607-8.—Court Rolls of the manor of Willoughby-on-the-Wolds [co. Notts], 5 James I. 177 (175)

1610-11, 1611-12.—Court Rolls of the manor of Willoughby-on-the-Wolds, [co. Notts], 8, 9 James I. 177 (175)

1614-15.—Court Rolls of the manor of Willoughby-on-the-Wolds [co. Notts], 12 James I. 177 (175)

1656-9.—Coal accounts of Wollaton, Cossall and Trowell [co. Notts]. 205

1657.—Rental of Cossall [co. Notts]. 205

[c. 1660.]—"A Terryer of Sempringham landes and groundes lying in the fields and closes of Bramcoate, the tithe whereof one moiety is due and has tyme out of mynde bine paid to the rectour of Wollaton." Details of "flatts," "leyes," "landes" ("a great flatt on Stony Furlonge, butting on the Milker's Path and Round Knoll Flat, 4 acres"; "seaven lands called 'Robinhill Flat,' 2 acres"; "a flatt of 10 lands, 3 acres"; "a flatt by Breeden Balke, 2 acres and a halfe"; "Brinsley Wonge buttinge on the Pikes, 3 acres"). 24 (390)

1660-1 to 1685.—Court Rolls of the manor of Middleton [co. Warwick] for various years of the reign of Charles II. 194

1661-2.—Rental of Wollaton [co. Notts]. 205

1662.—Coal accounts of Wollaton, Cossall and Trowell [co. Notts]. 205

1663-7.—Rental of Cossall [co. Notts]. 205

1665-69.—Coal accounts of Wollaton, Cossall and Trowell [co. Notts]. 205

[c. 1670.]—Copy of bill, exhibited in the exchequer by Samuel Kendall, clerk, rector of Wollarton, co. Nottingham, complainant, against Robert Hardy alias Hardinge, esquire, defendant, setting forth that he and his predecessors have been wont from time out of mind to receive as a portion of tithes due to them a moiety of the tithes of all corn, grain and hay and of all other tithes growing, etc., within certain lands called "Sempringham Lands," containing 500 acres, lying in Bramcoate, co. Nottingham, and being without the said parish or rectory. The defendant, being possessor of the said lands, has of late years, in 1661, to 1668 in particular, withheld payment of the said tithe, etc. 24 (390)

There are numerous other Court rolls, accounts, etc., of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.

HOUSEHOLD ACCOUNTS, ETC.

1304-5.—Extracts from roll of household accounts of [Henry, Lord de Grey of Codnor].

[*Endorsed* :]—Rotulus domus de expensis apud Codenover [Codnor, co. Derby] a die Jovis proxima ante festum Sancti Nicholai Episcopi [Thursday, 3 December, 1304], anno regni regis Edwardi filii regis Henrici XXXIIJ^o, usque——.¹

Memorandum, quod die Jovis proxima ante festum Sancti Nicholai, anno regni regis Edwardi xxxiiij, venerunt Dominus et Domina cum tota familia apud Codenovere. In pane furnito, xvj. quarteria frumenti; in cervisia braceata, xxiiij. quarteria vj. buss[elli] brasei orde; j. perna de stauro; ij. carcos[ia] multonum de stauro; in iiij. gallinis emptis, vjd.; in prebenda lj. equorum, ij. quart. vij. buss. et tercia pars busselli avene. Die Veneris sequenti, panis et cervisia de stauro; j. *kemp* [=barrel?] allec[iorum] athameat' [=broached, from Old French *attamer*]; iiij. *lenges* de stauro; in *codling* empt[is], xd.; in *lamperun*' [=lampreys] empt[is], iiij. s. iij. d.; in prebenda xxxvij. equorum ij. quart. j. buss. et dim. et tercia pars avene. Die Sabbati sequenti, videlicet in vigilia Sancti Nicholai, panis et cervisia de stauro, j. *kemp*' allec[iorum] de stauro, vj. *lenges* de stauro; in *codling* empt[is] pro festo, ix. s.; in *lamprun*' empt[is], xs.; in allocacione barillorum pro eisdem cariandis, vjd.; in anguillis emptis, iiij. s. vjd.; in congruo [=conger-eel] empto [*erasure*]; in *sturgon*' empt[is], vjs.; in conduccionem ij. equorum de Lincolnia usque Lamel' [Lambley, co. Notts], ijs. iij. d.; in diversis cordis emptis, iij. d.; in expensis dicti Thome circa dictam providenciam faciendam, ijs. vjd. per iiij. dies; in prebenda liij. equorum, iiij. quart. ij. buss. avene; j. caseus pond[erans] i. petram et v. libras; alius caseus pond[erans] ix. libras; et tercius caseus de Rewann² pond[erans] iiij. libras; ij. libre butiri; in xl. libris candelarum emptarum de Parys, vs.; item in xij. libris candelarum de Parys, xvij. d. Summa [of preceding expenditure of money and stores].

Die Dominica in festo Sancti Nicholai, panis et cervisia de stauro; iiij. quarteria [carnis] bov[ine] de stauro; viij. carcos[ia] multonum de stauro; j. porcus in *fressyng*³; j. aper de stauro; j. cingnus [=cygnus] de stauro; viij. porcelli de stauro; xiiij. auce de stauro; in xxxv. gallinis pro coquina emptis, iiij. s. iij. d. ob.; j. *peck*' frumenti pro coquina; in x. gallinis pro falcon[ibus] emptis, xv. d.; in iiij. *panyers* emptis, vij. d. ob.; in iiij. bollis et j. parapside

¹ The last date mentioned is Wednesday after the Purification [3 February, 1305].

² According to Rogers, *History of Prices*, i, p. 17; ii, p. 180, *rewannum* means aftermath. This is confirmed by the occurrence of *rewayng*, *rewaine* in Roquefort's *Glossaire*, which are evidently Norman or Northern French forms of the French *regain*. For aftermath or winter cheeses, see the quotations in the *New English Dictionary*, s. vv. "aftermath" and "eddisch."

³ Not in the *New English Dictionary* or the glossaries. It can hardly be the old French *fresenge* (=Germ. *frischling*) 'young (wild?) boar.'

pro coquina, xiiij. d. ; in iiij. ollis terreis pro eadem, jd. ; in pinc' pro salsa, ijd. ob. ; in stramine empto ad ponendum sub ollis in caretta[a], jd. ; in wastell[is] pro coquina, vjd. ; in iiij. quarteris et dimidia de oleo nucium¹ (*sic*), ijs. viij. d. ; in ij. lagenis et dim. *cenapey*,² xd. ; in j. lagena gyngiberis et ij. lagenis de *galentyn* [a kind of sauce], iijs. ; in dimidia lagena de viride salso [= verstsauce], dim. lagena [vini] acri et dim. lagena de viridi succo [*i.e.* verjuice], xijd. ; in c. pomis emptis, vjd. ; in cepis et aleis, vjd. ; in ccc. ovis . . ob. ; in portagio eorundem, iiiij. d. ; in gentaculo carectar[iorum] Domini et aliorum serviencium, iij. d. ob. ; in vij. aucis silvestribus et viij. annatibus domesticis, v. annatibus silvestribus, x. *pluvers*, xxix. cercell' [= teal, French *sarcelle*], lj. minutis avibus, xjs. viij. d. ; in expensis Rogeri de Neuton circa dictam providenciam faciendam in Notyngham per ij. dies, xiiij. d. ;³ liberat[i] Thome de Radeclyve pro oblacionibus die Sancti Nicholai, xx. d. ; item in donacionibus diversorum menestralorum, vijs. iiiij. d. ; in oblacionibus in festo Sancti Nicholai per dictum Thomam de Radeclyve, ijs. xjd., de quibus xx. d. per R. de Neuton ; liberati ad coquinam ij. casei pond[erantes] j. petram et vij. libras, vj. lagene lactis, et ij. lagene lactis pro pueris ; in prebenda iiiij^{xx} viij. equorum, v. quarteria aven[e] ; in farina facta pro coquina, j. quarterium aven[e]. Die Lune sequenti, panis et cervisia de stauro ; ij. *lenges* de stauro ; in ccc. et dim. ovorum, ijs. ijd. ; in prebenda lj. equorum, ij. quarteria, v. buss. et dim. et ij. tercias aven[e]. Die Martis sequenti, panis et cervisia de stauro, i. quarterium bov[is] de stauro, iiij. carcoss[ia] multonum, iiiij. auce de stauro ; in iiiij. gallinis emptis, vjd. ; in volatilibus, ijd. ; in prebenda xxj. equorum, j. quarterium i. buss. et dim. et ij. tercias aven[e]. Die Mercurii sequenti, panis et cervisia de stauro ; in *lampron'* emptis, xijd. ; allec[ia] de stauro ; ij. *lenges* de stauro ; in *codling* et in *flundr'* [= flounder] emptis, xijd. ; in prebenda xxvij. equorum, j. quarterium et dim., j. buss. et ij. tercias aven[e]. Die Jovis sequenti, panis et cervisia de stauro ; in volatilibus emptis, ijd. ; j. gallina de stauro ; in falcon[ibus], ij. galline de stauro ; in prebenda x. equorum, iiiij. bus. et dim. et tercias pars bus. aven[e]. Die Veneris sequenti panis et cervisia de stauro, dim. *kemp'* allec[iorum] de stauro ; j. piscis de stauro ; in prebenda xvij. equorum, vij. bus. et dim. et ij. tercias aven[e]. Die Sabbati sequenti, panis et cervisia de stauro ; j. piscis de stauro ; in *codling* et *stokfys* emptis, xvij. d. ; in *lampron'* emptis, xd. ; in anguillis et pisce frisco, vijd. ; iiij. casei liberati ad panteriam, quorum ij. ponderaverunt ij. libras et ij. petras, et j. de Rewann' ponderavit iiiij. libras ; in vj. libris candelarum Par[isiensium] emptis, ix. d. ; v. lagene et dim. lactis pro coquina ; et ij. libre butyri ; in prebenda xxvj. equorum, j. quarterium et

¹ Nut-oil, made from walnuts or hazel-nuts.

² A preparation of mustard (Old French *senevei*, Fr. *snevé* = Lat. * *sina-patum*) ?

³ This entry is run through by the pen.

iiij. bus. et ij. tercias avene ; in liquiricia empta per Rogerum de Neuton, *jd.*
 . . . Die Lune sequenti [festum Sancte Lucie] . . .
 in carne pro falcon[ibus], *jd.* . . . Die Martis sequenti
 . . . j. porcus in *fressyng* de stauro . . . Die Mercurii
 . . . j. *kympe* allec[iorum] de stauro . . . Die Jovis
 in Vigilia Natalis Domini, in pane furnito vj. quarteria iiij.
 bus. frumenti ; cervisia de stauro ; iiij. *lenges* de stauro ; in
codlinges et lamperunis emptis, iiiij. *ijd.* ; et xl. anguille venientes
 de Toveton [Toton, parish of Attenborough, co. Notts] de
 stauro ; in ovis emptis, *xd.* ; in xij. libris candelarum
 Paris[iensium] emptis, xviiij. *jd.* ; et iiij. libre sepi de stauro in
 alba candela facta (*sic*) . . . Die Dominica in festo
 Sancti Johannis Evangeliste infra Natale Domini . . . in
 mustardo empto, iiiij. *jd.* ; in *gingevere*, vjd. ; in *galatin*, vjd. ;
 . . . Die Lune sequenti . . . in carne porc[ina] pro
 falcon[ibus] empta, *jd.* . . . Die Mercurii sequenti . . .
 in mustardo empto, *ijd.* ; in carne porc[ina] pro falcon[ibus]
 empta, *jd.* ; et iiiij. gallinis de stauro in falcon[ibus] expenditis
 . . . Die Sabbati sequenti . . . in pisce aque dulcis,
 viij. *jd.* ; in dimidia lagena mustardi, *ijd.* ; in dimidia lagena
 de *gengevere* empta, vjd. . . . Die Mercurii in festo
 Epiphanie Domini . . . j. *kempe* allec[iorum], unde cc. et
 dim. allec[ia] liberata cum Domino versus Toveton, una
 cum iiiij. *lenges*. . . . Die Veneris sequenti Dominus et
 Domina recesserunt versus Toveton. . . . Die Dominica
 proxima post festum Epiphanie Domini venit Domina de
 Toveton apud Codenovere. . . . Die Mercurii sequenti
 . . . in j. gallina empta pro falcon[ibus] Domini Ricardi
 de Grey, *ijd.* . . . Die Veneris sequenti . . . j.
kempe allec[iorum] attameat de stauro. . . . Die Dominica
 sequenti [festum conversionis Sancti Pauli] venit Dominus ;
 . . . in cervisie empta apud Not[yngham], xij. *jd.* ; in lx.
 lagenis cervisie de villa empt[is], ijs. vjd. . . . j.
 capreolus de stauro. . . .

[Dorse.]

In xliij. pyne¹ [= pint-pots?] pro buteler[ia] emptis, xiiij. *jd.*
 in vj^{xx} discis emptis pro coquina, xvjd. ; in iiiij^{xx} parapsidibus
 pro eadem emptis, xvjd. ; in v. *duzeyns* cyphorum emptorum
 pro buteler[ia], xxjd. ; in distribuzione pauperum die Sancti
 Nicholai per preceptum Domini, iiiij. bus. frumenti et iiiij.
 quarteria siliginis ; et ij. *kympe* allec[iorum] pro eadem ; in
 faccione v. *duzeyns* carbonum, vs. . . . in iiiij. libris sepi
 ad albas candelas faciendas ; in furfure pro canibus, j. quar-
 terium avene ; iiij. libre uncti de stauro pro palef[ridis] Domini ;
 in parcam[ena] empta, *ijd.* ; . . . in sotularibus Radulfi
 de coquina, vd. ; iiiij. libre sepi ad albas candelas faciendas ;
 in *lumylyn*² empt[o], *jd.* ; in cingulis et capistris emptis

¹ The *Promptorium Parvulorum* gives *pinca* as a rendering of *pycher*.

² Candle-wick (cf. French *lumignon*) ?

pro palef[ridis] Domini, xvijd. ; in oblacionibus Domine et familie diebus Natalis Domini, Sancti Stephani, et Sancti Johannis, ijs. iiijd. ; in furfure faciendo pro canibus in vigilia Natalis Domini, j. quarterium avene ; in oblacionibus Domine et Lucie de Someri die Sancti Thome Martyris, ijd. ; in *gingevere*, galatino et mustardo emptis et liberatis cum Domino versus Lincolniam, xiiijd. ; in expensis H., capellani, apud Burton et Lych[feld] sequentis episcopum Cestrie per ij. dies pro negociis Domini, xd. . . . in j. capistro empto pro *le hakenay* Domine, id. 24

[1509.]—Extracts from fragmentary account book, of which the upper portion of the leaves has perished from damp. At foll. 3, 10, Michaelmas, 1 Henry VIII. [1509], is mentioned as falling within the date of the account.

[1509.]

[Fo. 3.]

Item to my Lorde Prince folle [= fool]	iiijd.
Item for a gowne cloth to my Mr. of London russett	xxxvjs. xd.
Item for a c. horiges [= oranges]	vd.
Item to Robart a [= of] Stabul when he went with my Mr. gowne to the Courte	vjd.
Item to the taylar for making of a gowne of blake velvyt to my Mr.	ijs. iiijd.
Item for alf a 3ard of velvyt to the same gown vs.	vjd.
Item for iiij 3ardis of blake frysse to the same gown	iiijs. viijd.

[Fo. 5.]

Item to my Mr. at Wollaton for the perdoner of Burton Lazars [parish of Melton Mowbray, co. Leicester]	iiijd.
Item at Nottingham to the Frears	iiijd.
Item for mendyng of a hie way in Asby [Ashby-de-la-Zouche, co. Leicester]	ijd.

[Fo. 6.]

Item on Thursday, the Ascencion Day, for iij. of my Mr. servand dynners at Gresyn [= Gray's Inn]	vjd.
Item for my Mr. pension at Gresyn	xxd.

[Fo. 7.]

Item for a horse harnes for my Mr. and the coveryng wyth blak when the kyng was beryed ¹	iiijs.
Item for the copye of the proclamacion	xxd.

¹ Henry VII died 21 April, 1509, at Richmond,

[Fo. 8.]

Item for my Mr. servande dynner whan the kyng remevyd to Westm[ynster] from the Towre ..	vs.	xd.
Item to Mr. Gartar [= Garter King at Arms] ..	vjs.	viijd.
Item for making of my Mr. gowne of tynsill satten.. .. .		iijs.
Item for viij Ʒardes of blake satyn for my Mr. jakett.. .. .	iiijl.	xijd.

[Fo. 9.]

Item to the skynner for furring of my mistres gowne	[blank]
Item for nue fur for the same gowne of bodge [= fur made of lambskin]	xs. viiijd.

[Fo. 10.]

Thies be the expenses made agaynst my Mr. marege.

In primis for vij elne of holand cloth for my Mr.	xiiijs.
Item for a quarter of blak velvyt for my Mr. ..	iijs.
Item for fure for my Mr. of ffunys ¹	iijs. iiijd.
Item for vij. Ʒardis of satyn for my Lady..	xxvijs. vjd.
Item for a quarter of velvyt	ijs. xd.
Item for iiiij. Ʒardis of whyt coton	ijs.
Item for lynen cloth and aulettes ²	iiijd.
Item for ij. rownelles [= runlets, small barrels] of sweit wyne	xxjs. iiijd.
Item for my costes, Antony and the carear ..	xiiiijd.
Item for a garnych [= a set] of vessell ..	xxixs. vijd.
Item for a chavyng [= chafing] disch	iijs. iiijd.
Item for a ladill and a scomer	xijd.
Item for nett fett and calvys fett.. .. .	viijd.

[Decayed portion.]

Item for my Lord of Shrowesbery mynstrell ..	vs.
Item to Mr. Egerton mynstrel	iijs. iiijd.
Item to Mr. Greslay mynstrel.. .. .	xxd.
Item to My Lorde of Dudlai mynstrell	xxd.
Item to Dr. Vaisy cosse	iijs. iiijd.
Item to Mr. Egerton servand	xxd.
Item to Anthory for his costes to Wolloton ..	viiijd.
Item in almys	jd.
Item at Horslay [Horsley, co. Derby] for horse meyt	vjd.

Thies be the expenses made by Richard Berwyke at Myghelmas terme, the reigne of Kyng Henry the VIIJ.th the furst yere of his reigne.

In primis for v yard of tawney for my Mr. cloke	xxiiijs.
Item for a Ʒarde of blake cloth for my Lady ..	iijs.

¹ Fur of the beech-martin. See *New English Dict.* s.v. 'foyn,' sb. 1.

² For *agulet*, an aglet, tag, tape, etc. (French *aiguillette*)

Item for a zard and a *dim.* of blake velvyt for
 gardyne [= 'guarding,' bordering] of my Mr.
 cloke xvjs.
 Item for vij. elne of holan cloth for my Mr. xiijs. viijd.
 Item for alf a grosse of blake sylke poyntes¹ for
 my Mr. ijs. vjd.
 Item for a gyrdil of silke for my Mr. iijs. i[iij]d.
 Item for a suard gerdil for my Mr. iiij
 [Total of payments: 102*l.* 14*s.* 10½*d.*]
 [Signed :] Henre Wyllu[ghby]. 205.

1516-17.—Extracts from account of "byeng of catell, of whom, where, and of what price" (some "at the feyer of Gravysende," "at Braksted [Brasted, co. Kent] Feyre," "the feyer of Cowden [co. Kent]" "at Wythyham [Wythyham, co. Sussex] Feyre"); of "sellyng of catell and grasse to whom, where and of whate price" (fo. 2); of "necessaryes for household" (fo. 3); of "necessaryes bought for husbondry and reparations" (fo. 6); of "byeng of graynes, of whom and of what price" (fo. 9); of "kylling of catell for the household from the xxj. day of Septembre, *anno vij*^o *Henrici VIII*" (fo. 9 *verso*). Endorsed with note of allowance in the account of William Walker finishing 13 November, 9 Henry VIII. At the end is added in a cursive hand: "Memorandum, that the sixt day of May, *anno xj*^o *Henrici Octavi*, ther ware goyng suche cattell as hereafter ensuyeth in the landes of Th. Willughby."

[Fo. 3.]

Item for a stone of derezheyre for mendyng of
 the paksadelles vd.
 Item for half a fote of leder for Jak Fole ixd.
 Item for makyng of Jak Folez cote and hosys vd.

[Fo. 3 *verso*.]

Item paid to Ryvers for Petur money rent of Myl-
 brok and of the Bore Place [in Chiddingstone] jd. ob.
 Item for a peyer of shoys for Jak Fole viijd.
 Item for a pale of yeste jd.
 Item for a peyer of shoys for Jak Fole vijd.

[Fo. 4 *verso*.]

Item to the parysshe clarke for his quarter wages
 endyng at Mydsomer xijd.
 Item for makyng of Jak Foly's cote viijd.
 Item gevyn to the fryer of Aylsford [Aylesford,
 co. Kent] iiijd.

[Fo. 5.]

Item for lether for Jackes shoys viijd.

¹ Laces or tapes for securing the hose to the doublet. See *New English Dictionary*, s.v. 'point' B II 5 (p. 1050).

[Fo. 7.]

Item to the same Edmund [Chapman] for plank- yng of the pewys in the chapell at Chedyngstone [Chiddingstone, co. Kent]	viiij <i>d.</i>
Item to Courde for sawyng of ccc fote of bourde at Moreden [Morden, parish of Lewisham, co. Kent] iijs.	
Item to the same Courde for sawyng of <i>dim.</i> c [= half a hundred] fote of bourde for plankyng of the chapell at Chedyngstone	vj <i>d.</i> 205

1520.—Account of “James Leche, gentyman, stuarde to Ser Hary Wyllobe, Knygth,” from 2 August to 7 December, 12 Henry VIII.¹ of purchases of food and household stores (“frech a cates”), payments of labourers’ wages, cost of mowing and haymaking, necessaries (ironmongery, plaster, horse-shoeing, cooperage, ‘gryndyng of crabbys to make verges’ [= verjuice], gathering the crabs), purchase of beasts, rewards, purchases of malt and barley, and Midsummer wages. Receipts: 133*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.* Signed by Henre Wyllughby. “*Summa totalis solucionum hujus libri* : cxxxj*l.* xxij*d.*” 205.

1520, December 4, to [27 December] 1521.—Extracts from account of John Levissey, [servant] of Sir Henry Willoughby, Knight, of household expenditure, 12 Henry VIII.

[1520.]

[Fo. 3.]

Item for Hwght Large cosse and Clyftwnse to Bremegam [Birmingham] the Saytwdray, the viij. day off December, for a nyght and a day wen they went for Myster Bremygam servand	xvj <i>d.</i>
Item to Wylliams Clyftwn thatt he layd downe off Hawle Hawlen [=All Hallows] nyght to the ryngarse at Macstoke [Maxstoke, co. Warwick] chyrche	viiij <i>d.</i>
Item to the ryngarse in the abbay chyrche	viiij <i>d.</i>
Item to Myster Bawdwen [Willoughby] the same day [December 16] wen he went to Lwndwn to delyver to Mystrys Mare Harbotyll to pay her gayre makyng, and the raysydewe to pwt in her pwrse	x <i>l.</i>
Item payd the Fryday, the xxj. day off Decem- ber, for a payre off hose for Mrs. Alse [=Alice]	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item payd for vj. yerdes of yelow sylke to make her hed lasws [=laces]	vj <i>d.</i>

¹ This appears to be the date of the audit. The second folio reads “The yere and the reyne of Kyng [Henry] the VIIJ the xij yere and the vij daye of Decembur” (1520).

[Fo. 3.]

Item the same day, the xxij. day of December, to the corwesar [= 'corviser,' shoemaker] of Lechefeld for a dyscharge off a byll for chowse [= shoes] and bowts for my Master and hys chelder	ixs.	vjd.
Item the same day for a gely bage and a creme clothe for the cowke		xijd.
Item the Sunday, the xxij. off December, for iij. howpys for a lowme [= drinking vessel] in the botere		iijd.
Item the same day for chowryng [= scouring] off the kechyn waysyll		jd.
Item to my myster on Crystynmes day to play at ye cards	iijs.	iiijd.
Item off Sent Stewyn's day for a bwrdyn of ryshews [= rushes]		jd.
Item to my Mr. the same day [December 27] to play at the cardes at Mystrys Dygbese		xijd.
Item to my Mr. the same day [Sunday, Dec. 30] to play at the cardes		xxd.

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Item to my Mr. upon the Twelfte day to play at the cardes		ijs.
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[Fo. 4.]

Item alawd for chowyng [= shoeing] of the blake nayge [= nag] the same tyme		iijd.
Item payd to Mystres Eelsabeth the same day [January 12] for nelne [= an ell] off lynyn clothe to make her hose		vjd.

[Fo. 5.]

Item for yowre reward to ij. mayddes that gawe yow a powsay		ijd.
Item the Munday, the xxj. day of Januari, to my Mr. wen he was maryed, to lay on the bowke	xxs.	xxd.
Item for his oferyng		viijd.
Item the same day to my Mr. to play att the cardys		xxd.
Item to Nycolys that he layd downe afore that tyme att Cossell to the armytt [= hermit] off Polsworth [Polesworth, co. Warwick]		iiijd.
Item for oferyng candyll on Candylnes day for yowre selfe and yowre servandes		xvjd.
Item for yowre oferyng wyth yowre candyll		iiijd.
Item for yowre penycon at Greyse In.	iijs.	iiijd.
Item for yowre dener		viijd.
Item for yowre dener that ye were by hynd the last yere		viijd.

Item in almys att Sent Lowese att Dunstable	<i>jd.</i>
Item to a pyper att Bernaytt [Barnet, cos. Herts and Midd.]	<i>jd.</i>
Item for the prononstycacyonse [= prognostications]	<i>jd.</i>

[Fo. 6.]

Item for xij. maner of sedys for a garden ..	<i>xijd.</i>
Item for yowre brotherhayd [= guild or religious fraternity] att Lowdlowe	<i>xijd.</i>
Item the Munday, the xxv. day of Faibrwari, for yowre oferyng att Mr. Dygbyse obytt ..	<i>iiijd.</i>

[Fo. 8.]

Item to Pernell for fastyng off Sent Katerse evyn	<i>iiijd.</i>
Item the Munday, the viij. day of Aperyll, for ij. skayne of blake sylke	<i>iiijd.</i>

[Fo. 9.]

Item for Clyftun cosse [= costs] to seche the hawkys off Swttun wen thay were stowlne ..	<i>iiijd.</i>
Item for yowre brother-hayd off Owre Lade's gylde off Bostun	<i>xijd.</i>
Item for yowre reward to ij. men that gaytherd for Sent Jamys shapyll by syde My Lord off Dwdlayse	<i>iiijd.</i>

[Fo. 10.]

Item the Sunday, the xix. day of Maye, to the Wythefrayrse of Cowentre for yowre brother-hede	<i>xijd.</i>
Item payd to Brage for showtynge att the bowttes	<i>ijd.</i>

[Fo. 12.]

Item the Weddunseday, the iij. day of July, fo[r] yowre reward to them that wachyd the stake [=stag?] that ye send to the kyng	<i>ijs.</i>
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[Fo. 13.]

November.

Item to my Mr. of Awle Haloweday to play att the cardys	<i>ijs. iiijd.</i>
Item to a mayd that gawe yow a powsay ..	<i>jd.</i>
Item to Mystrys Esabell wen she went to Lentun fayre wyth my lady, by yowre commondment ..	<i>xxs.</i>
Item to my Mr. the Thwrseday, the vij. day, to play at the cardse wen the pryar of Macstoke was at Mydylton	<i>ijs. iiijd.</i>

[Fo. 28.]

Rewardys.

Item for yowre reward to Mr. Dygbyse nowrse
wen ye kyrstynde [= christened] his shyld
[= child], the laste day of Awgwste xijd.

1520.

Item to the armytt Egertun the same day
[Dec. 22] for reward xijd.

Item the Fryday, the xxviiij. day of December,
for yowre reward to Hertt the gunnar wen he
com fwrthe off Yerelande iijs. iiijd.

Item for yowre reward to hys faylase [= fellows] xxd.

Item the Sunday, the xxx. day of December,
for yowre reward to a mynstryll of the Fraynche
Kwenys ijs.

Item in almys the same day [December 31]
to a skolar ijd.

[Fo. 29.]

1521.

Item for yowre reward to a pore man that was
robyd by sy[de] Sir Edward Fayrysws [= Ferrers ¹]
the same day [Jan. 4] iiijd.

Item in almys the same day [Jan. 16] to ij.
skolarse ijd.

Item the Thwrseday, the xxij. day of Januari,
for yowre reward to ij. chalandse [= canons] and
the orgyn-playar of Macstoke Abbay iiijs.

Item for yowre reward to Myster Beltnopse
[= Belknapp's]² playarse the same day vjs. viijd.

Item the Thwrseday, the xxiiij. day of Januari,
for yowre reward to the dwke off Bowkyngam
playarse vjs. viijd.

Item the Thwrseday [= Tuesday], the xxix. day of
Januari, for yowre reward to ij. frayrse onn
Merydyne [Meriden, co. Warwick] haythe [= heath] iiijd.

Item for the oferyng att owre Lady att Cowentre iiijd.

Item the Waydwnesday for yowre reward to
ij. frayrys att Dunstable viijd.

Item in almys to a man that lyse bedrydyn as
ye goo to Westmynster jd.

Item the Fryday, the viij. day of Faybrwari,
for yowre reward to the prest that chorowve
[= shrove, shrived] yowe att Saywowe [= the
Savoy] viijd.

¹ Of Baddesley Clinton, co. Warwick. See Dugdale, *Antiquities of Warwickshire*, p. 711b.

² Sir Edward Belknap of Weston, co. Warwick. See Dugdale, *Antiqq. of Warwickshire*, p. 408b

[Fo. 30.]

Item the Munday, the xj. day of Faybruari, for yowre reward to the armytt Egerton ..	iiijd.
Item the Thwrseday, the x[i]iiij. day of Februari, fo[r] yowre reward to Mr. Worthe chylder wen thay wentt to Swtton [Sutton Coldfield, co. Warwick] to the skowle	iiijd.
Item the Munday, the xj. day of Marche, for yowre reward to my Lady off Polseworth gentywoman wen the chowtyng [= shooting] was ther	ijs.
Item for yowre reward to Wyld off Tomworthe the same day that the chowtyng was by twextt Polseworthe men and yowrse	xxd.

[Fo. 31.]

Item for yowre reward to a preste that browght a letter from Myster John [Willoughby] frome Rowme [= Rome]	xxd.
Item the Thwrseday (<i>sic</i>), the ij. day of Aperyll to the wemyn that gaytherd for Owre Lady's lyght att Mydylton	iiijd.
Item Thwrseday, the iiij. day of Aperyll, for yowre reward to the waytys off Notyngam ..	xxd.
Item for yowre reward the same day to the bowxe att Powlseworthe that gaytherd for Owre Lady	iiijd.
Item for yowre reward to the maydse off Powlseworth	ijd.
Item for yowre oferyng att the rewde [= rood] off Notyngam the same day	iiijd.
Item for yowre reward to ij. lytyll frayrys ..	iiijd.
Item for yowre reward to the pryar	xijd.
Item to the wemyn of Wyllarton that gaytherd for Owre Lady's lyght	iiijd.
Item for yowre reward to the frayrse att Notyngam	iiij d .
Item for yowre reward to Sir Herre Sayche-werylse [= Sacheverel's] mynstryll. . . .	xijd.
Item the Thwrseday, the x[i]ij. day of Marche, for yowre reward to the wayttes of Laycytre ..	xijd.
Item the Fryday, the xij. day of Aperyll, for yowre reward to ij. frayrse off Notyngam that was goyng to Sent Mykylse Mowntt	viiijd.
Item for yowre reward to my Lady off Powlseworth mynstryll	iiijd.
Item the Sunday, the xiiij. day off Aperyll, for yowre reward to Mr. Cowmberfordse mynstryll ..	viiijd.

[Fo. 32.]

Item the Sunday, the xv. (*sic*) of Aperyll, to Elys that he layd downe to the men of Bremygeam wen ye gawe them a doe, by yowre commondmentt *xxd.*

[Fo. 33.]

Item for yowre reward the Thwuesday, the xviii. day off June, to the kolyarse that was senkyng a pytt *iiijd.*

Item for yowre reward to Mr. Storlayse [= Strelley's] mynstryll *viijd.*

Item for yowre reward the Weddunuesday, the xix. day off June, to a frayre off Taykylle [= Tickhill, co. York] goyng toward Oxford *iiijd.*

Item for yowre reward the [=to] a frayre off Notyngam the Sunday, the xvj. day off June, that praychyd att Wollartoun *xijd.*

Item the Thwuesday, the xxv[ij]. day off June, for yowre reward to ij. wemyn that¹ wessed layd [=lead] ore as ye went to Sent Anny's² *ijd.*

Item to wemyn that gaytherd layd ore *jd.*

Item for yowre reward the Fryday, the xxx. (*sic*) day off June, to a woman that browght a botyll of wyne from Lentune *jd.*

Item for yowre reward to a mayde that gawe yow a garland off Sent Peter's ewyn att the bonefyre *jd.*

Item for ale att the bonefyre *iiijd.*

Item in almys to ij. clarkys the same day [July 15] *ijd.*

Item the Saytwdray, the vj. day off July, for yowre reward to yowre serwandys that ranne in the medowe *iiijd.*

Item to the foxe taker for takyng off ij. foxses *ijs.*

[Fo. 34.]

Item the Sunday, the vij. day off July, for yowre re[ward] to a serwand off Mr. Mowmfordse toward a nale [= an ale, feast] *....*

Item in almys the same day to ij. pore men that com frome Rowme *ijd.*

Item for yowre reward to the armytt of Bindon, the xxiiij. day of July *xxd.*

Item for yowre reward to the kyngse mynstrylse *iijs. iiijd.*

Item to a frayre that praychyd in the chapyll *xxd.*

¹ *the*, MS.

² St. Ann's Well, Buxton, co. Derby.

[Fo. 35.]

Item for yowre reward to my Lorde Mowntt
Egle mynstryll, the xxvij. day off September .. viijd.

[Fo. 36.]

Item the Thwrseday (*sic*), the xvij. day, for yowre
reward to the armytt [= hermit] Mytton iiijd.
Item for yowre reward the same day [All Saints'
day] to Recheart Swebsun for brengyng of kwenses
[= quinces] viijd.

[Fo. 36.]

[Item for] yowre reward to a Welche prest that
comme by [the] waye wen ye were of hwntyng iiijd.
Item for yowre reward to the playarse of Tom-
worth of Sent Stewense day iijs. iiijd.
Item to ij. pleye[r]se of Sent Thomas day .. iijs. iiijd.
Item to the playarse of Mydylton ijs.
Item delyvered to my Lady on Good Friday.. vli.
Item delyvered to my Lady whan she went to
Lenton Fayre xli.
* *Summa totalis infra hunc librum* : cccli. viijs.
[Signed :]
Henre Wyllughby. John Levesey. 205.

1521.—“Receites be me Dame Alice Wyllughby from
the feste of the Anu[n]ciacion of Our Blessed Lade in Marche,
in [the] xijth yere of Kyng Henry the VIIJth” Decayed
from damp. Contains payments of wages, accounts of money
paid to the weaver and notes concerning cloth woven by him.
(In hand of Dame Alice ?). 205.

1521-3.—Extracts from account of John Levissey, ‘ser-
vaunte unto Syr Henry Wyllowghby, knyght,’ commencing
28 December, 13 Henry VIII, [and ending 7 January, 1523].
[Receipts : 300*l.* 7*s.* 7½*d.* plus 6*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.*]

[Fo. 3.]

Paymentes.

1521.

[December.]

In primis a pon Noweyer’s Ewyn [= Eve] in
reward to Rowfe Berlott sowne [= son] for
bryngyng of a capun for a praysand ijd.
Item to the berber, the same day.. .. . iiijd.

1522.

[January.]

Item in rewarde to your offesars on Nweyerse Day
in the mornyng viijs. viijd.

Item for Shengleton cosse [= costs] to Ser Rysewpp Thomas, the same tyme, to fayche yowre fresse yakyd [= jacket]	xs.
Item in reward to the keper of Wallay Parke [? Wooley, parish of Morton, co. Derby], the same tyme, for bryngyng of a dowe.. .. .	iijs. iiijd.
Item in reward to the playarse of Sylyoll [Solihull, co. Warwick], the ij. day of Januar[y]	ijs. viijd.
Item to Wyllam Cokys, the viij. day of Januar[y], wen ye sende [=sent] hym to mete Mr. John' [Willoughby] wen he com home.. .. .	vjs. viijd. iiijd.
Item in reward to a frayre, the same tyme ..	
Item for on' of yowre serwantt cosse to Wylloghton [= Wollaton]	viijd.
Item for a stryke of molte and a nother of berly, the same day [11 January], for a horse that ye send to Sir Rysewpp Thomas	xxjd.
Item to a pernar [= pardonner] of Sent Antony the xij. day of Januar[y]	iiijd.
Item for pentyng the rowde [= rood] in the chapell	iijs. iiijd.
Item in rewarde to ij. skolarse, the xx. day of Januar[y]	ijda
Item for Hwght Large cosse and myne to Cowentre, the same time [January 31], caryng a pray-sand to Myster Gelynse	vjd.
Item payde for a commbe and a premer [= primer] for my Mr., the same tyme.. .. .	vjd.
Item for a kyrtwll of fwstyon and lynyng for Mystrys Mare	viijs. viijd.
Item for lynyng a jakyd for my Mr., the same tyme	iijs. xd.

[Fo. 4.]

Sequitur Februarii.

Item for Shengleton cosse into Walse [= Wales] wyth a horse that ye bowght of Mr. Edward [Willoughby], the fyrste day of Faybruari ..	vjs. viijd.
Item in rewarde wen ye went to kyrston [= christen] Myster Crosby's chylde, the ij. day of Faybrwary	xs.
Item for a payre of showse for Mystrys Mare, the v. day	viijd. iijd.
Item in almys, the same day [5 February].. ..	
Item delyver'd to Mr. Edward [Willoughby] by yowre commondment, by the handes of Henry Mermyon, wen he went to London	xxs.
Item for a kyrchow clowthe for Mystrys Mare, the ix. day of Faybruari, by yowre commondment Marche.	xviijd.
Item for my cosse to Wolloghton comyng and goyng, lyyng a nyghte by the way, the vj. day of Marche	vijd.

Item in rewarde to My Lordes horse keper ..	iii <i>d.</i>
Item for cosse att Cosyngton [Cossington, co. Leicester], the same day	vii <i>d.</i>
Item for yowre porrshon att yowre dener att Notyngam, the v day of Aprill, syttyng of a commycion	vij <i>s.</i> iii <i>d.</i>
Item in rewarde to the Frayrse [= Friars], the same tyme	vii <i>d.</i>
Item for horse maytt [= meat, <i>i.e.</i> , food] ther, the same tyme	ii <i>d.</i>
Item to Lwse for hyr gyfter ¹ kowlse, the same tyme	v <i>d.</i>
Item to yowre bedmen [= bedemen, almsman] the same tyme, for a monthe .. .	ij <i>s.</i> vii <i>d.</i>
Item for yowre oferryng att the bayryng [= burying] of yowre bedman, the vj day of Aprill ..	iii <i>d.</i>
Item for yowre porshon att yowre dener at Notyngam, the viij day, syttyng of the commycion	ix <i>s.</i> v <i>d.</i> ob.
Item in reward to on' of yowre colyarse, the same tyme, that mad annale [= an ale, a feast] ..	iii <i>d.</i>
Item for dowgke [= dog] kolerse and chense, the same tyme	xx <i>d.</i>
Item to My Lady, by yowre commondment ..	vii <i>d.</i>
Item for Ser John' Chowche [= Zouche's] dowgh-tter cosse lyyng seke at Dayvysws [= Davis's] a day and a nyght, and vj wyth her .. .	ij <i>s.</i> vii <i>d.</i>
Item to Rowfe Kayghley wen he went to Mr. Sphewylliams [= Fitzwilliam's] to serves, by yowre commondment	xii <i>s.</i> iii <i>d.</i>
Item in reward to on' that browght yow ij houndes	iii <i>d.</i>
Item in reward to ij men that sarched yowre powlse [= pools] in the horcheat [= orchard] att Wylloghton	vii <i>d.</i>
Item payde for viij cranse [= cranes], the same tyme	vij <i>s.</i> vii <i>d.</i>
Item for his cosse that brought the cranse .. .	ij <i>s.</i>
Item to Bayre, the xij day of Aprill, yowre almse man	iii <i>d.</i>
Item a lowde to Thomas Porter, the same day, that he delyver'd to Hwght Large to bye fayche [= fish] att Laychefeld [= Lichfield] .. .	x <i>l.</i>

[Fo. 7.]

Item payd to Mr. Larke at Loundon, the xxj day of Aprill, for faychyng [= fetching] of a playge [= pledge] that was layde for the payment of xxx <i>li.</i> for the sheryfwyke	xxx <i>li.</i>
Item for Rowfe Baygelayse [= Baggaley's] cosse and myne to Lwndon	vij <i>s.</i> x <i>d.</i>
Item payd for ij combys for my Mr., the same tyme	vii <i>d.</i>

¹ Coal received as a gift or allowance or perquisite. See *New English Dictionary*, s.v. 'gifture.'

Item payd for an nyglys ¹ [= an English] bowke, the same tyme	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item for John Hogswyn cosse into the northe con- tryth, the xxvj day of Aprill, to fayche mownay	vjs. viij <i>d.</i>
Item in reward to yowre sowgearse [= soldiers] of Wykyn [Wyken, co. Warwick]	viiij <i>d.</i>
Item payd for faytheryng of vj shefe of arowse, the same tyme [April 27]	iiij <i>s.</i> v <i>d.</i>
Item in reward to the sowgearse that Elys [Twrlay] browght	ijs. iiij <i>d.</i>
Item payd to the flaycheare [= fletcher] in parte of payment for makyng of xij shefe of arowse	ijs.
Item in reward to Mr. Langam the fycysyon, the xxix day of Aprill	xs.
Item to the fyrbyger [= furbisher] for mendyng of hernes [= armour, etc.]	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item to the baker for bred that was dowlte [= doled, given as doles] on Good Fryday	vs.
Item in reward to a pore man of Swtton [Sutton Coldfield, co. Warwick] the same tyme	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item for yowre oferyng at Sent Kaylamse [= Kenelm's, <i>i.e.</i> , Winchcombe Abbey, co. Gloucester], the last day of Aprill	iiij <i>d.</i>

Maye.

Item in reward to Mr. Cwmbwrford mynstryll, the same day [May 1]	viiij <i>d.</i>
Item payd for powlyng [= pulling] of lyng [= heather] that was layde on the powle [= pool] hayd [= 'head,' end], the same tyme	ijs. viij <i>d.</i>
Item in rewarde to yowre sowlgearse of Sowlyold [Solihull, co. Warwick], the xj of May	iiij <i>s.</i> iiij <i>d.</i>
Item for dressyng of a bownyt [= bonnet] for yowre selfe, the same tyme	ij <i>d.</i>
Item in reward to xij solgearse that Elys Twrlay browght	iiij <i>s.</i>

[Fo. 8.]

Item to Mr. Swenfen sowgear, the same tyme	viiij <i>d.</i>
Item payd for vj shefe arowse, the same tyme	vjs.
Item in reward to Powgyon sowgear, the same tyme	viiij <i>d.</i>
Item in reward to yowre sowgearse of Cossell [Cossall, Notts.] and Shestoke [Shustoke, co. Warwick]	ijs.
Item delyver'd to Wyllam Egerton, the same tyme, to condyth [= conduct] yow[re] sowgearse to Lwndon	v <i>li.</i>
Item in reward to Mr. Graye sowgearse	ijs.

¹ This seems to be a Welsh spelling.

Item for bred and ale att Hense [Henn's], the xvij day, as ye wen[t] of hontyng to Happws Hays [Hopwas Hay, co. Stafford, near Tamworth] ..	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item for a gyrdwll for my myster, the same tyme [May 19]	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item in reward to on' that wentt abowte wyth a camell, the same tyme	xx <i>d.</i>
Item in reward to a serwant of Sawyngws [=Savage's] for bryngyng of a pyke from Swtton Powle, the same tyme [May 25]	ij <i>d.</i>
Item for showyng of Mr. Woldryffe horse at Sylvoll [=Solihull] cowrte, the same tyme	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item in almys ther, the same tyme	jd.
Item payd for a jakyd clowthe for my Mr., the same tyme	xijs. xd.
Item for lynyng for yowre jakyd, the same tyme [May 26]	iiijs.
Item in reward to on' that browght a pyke from Hwght Hermwn and hys faylowse from Swtton Powle.. .. .	iiij <i>d.</i>

[Fo. 9.]

Item for John Haward cosse to Lwndon to cary ewydense to Mr. Edward, the same tyme [May 28]	iiijs. ix <i>d.</i>
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June.

Item payd for a payre of knyws for my Mr., the fyrste day of June.. .. .	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item delyver'd to My Lady, the ij day of June, to by gayre for Mysterys Mare Herbowtyll	xijs. iiij <i>d.</i>
Item payd to My Lady, the same day, that my Mr. bowrowed of her to gyfe in a reward	iijs. iiij <i>d.</i>
Item a lowde to Hwght Aweray, the v day of June, that Hwght Large bowrowed of hym wen he bowght fyehe att Lychefeld fayre	xls.
Item for ale att Slade's as ye com frome hwntyng, the vij day of June	vij <i>d.</i>
Item for a qwyre of paper, the same day	ij <i>d. ob.</i>
Item to the perdner of Sent John Frare [=Friary], the ix day of June	vij <i>d.</i>
Item to Elys Twnrlay for yowre oferyng att Owre Lady of Downgcaster [Doncaster], the x day of June	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item in reward to playarse, the same day	xvj <i>d.</i>
Item a lowde to Hwght Large for hys cosse to Derby fayre, the same tyme [15 June]	xvj <i>d.</i>
Item for yowre cosse to Werwyke, the xvj day of June, and xij horse wyth yow, lyng ther a nyght ¹	ixs. iiij <i>d. ob.</i>

¹ The words "lyng ther a nyght" are run through

Item for ale at Robert Yamsws as ye went of hwntyng, the same tyme	ijd.
Item for ale as ye went of hwntyng, the same tyme	jd.
Item in rewarde to Mr. Kwernby of Mydsomer Ewyn	vjs. viijd.
Item r[eceywed] of my holfe yere wagews, the same tyme	xiijs. iiijd.

[Fo. 10.]

Item in reward to a frayre [= friar] of Cowentre that praychyd here, the same tyme	iijs. iiijd.
Item in reward to Robert Jebse wen he was maryed, the same tyme	iijs. iiijd.
Item for strowbayrys, the same tyme	jd.
Item payde to Ser John' Shortred, the xxv day of June, toward the fynddyng [= maintenance] of John' Germun's chylder	xxs.
Item in rewarde to Mr. Worthe chyldre wen ye kyrstwnde [= christened] ytt, the xxvj day of June	xs.
Item in rewarde to the norse	xxd.
Item in almshouse there, the same tyme	jd.
Item for horse maytt ther, the same tyme	jd.
Item for a whytte bownytt [= bonnet] for Mestrays Mare Herbowtyll, the xxviii day of June	iijs. iiijd.
Item for yowre cosse to Bremygeam, the same tyme, syttyng of a commycion	iijs. vd.
Item in reward to the kyngse joglar, the same day	ijs.

July.

Item for yowre oferyng att the Holy Blowd of Haylse [Hailes, co. Gloucester] and Sent Kay- lamse [St. Kenelm's, Winchcombe Abbey, co. Gloucester], caryed by Mr. John [Willoughby], the fyrst day of July	viijd.
Item for strowbayrys, the ij day of July	ijd.
Item for blow threde to make hawkes' nayttes [= nets]	viijd.
Item for peskods [=pease], the iiij day of July	jd.
Item for strowbayrys, the v day of July	jd.
Item for ale at Rowfe Bertlottes as ye wen[t] of howntyng, the same day	iiijd.
Item for strowbayrys, the same day	jd.
Item for a payre of bowtes [=boots] for my Mr., the same tyme	iijs.
Item for ij payre of showse for my Mr., the same tyme	xxd.
Item to Mr. Edward att London, the xij day of July, toward the payment of <i>li.</i> to the kyng that Myster Haynyge [=Heneage] raysaywed	xxxiiij <i>li.</i>

Item for a grose of pownttes [= points¹] for my
 Mr., the same tyme iiijs. ijd.
 Item for a gyrdwll of sylke for Mystrys Mare xjd.

[Fo. 11.]

Item for a payre of showse for Mystrys Esabell,
 the same tyme. vjd.
 Item for ownttment [= ointment] to take fyche,
 by yowre commondment viijd.
 Item to the caryar for caryage of halfe a lowde of
 wyne, the same day [18 July] iijs. ijd.
 Item in reward to on^r of yowre almese men at
 Wolloghton iiijd.
 Item in reward to my lorde of Merywoll [the abbot
 of Merevale, co. Warwick] servaunt, the xx day
 of July, for bryngyng of a stayge [= stag] that
 was kylde there xijd.
 Item in reward to John Watson wen he went to Ser
 John' Marcam to serwys, the xxij day of July xxd.
 Item in reward to the kyngse mayssengere that
 browght a letter, the same tyme [26 July] ijs.
 Item in reward to the kyrstnyng of Mr. Slade
 chyld, the same tyme xs.
 Item in reward to the norsse xijd.
 Item to Isbrand [Barnaby's] wyfe for ale wen ye
 went to mett Ser Wyllam Smyth att Tomworth viijd.
 Item in reward to ij of yowre sowgearse xd.
 Item for strowbayrys, the same tyme [28 July] jd.
 Item for dyacwlwn [= diachylon] for yowre fowtt ijd.

Auguste.

Item payd for v shefe of arow heddes, the fyrste
 day of Awgwste xxd.
 Item in reward to ij. sowgearse that Elys [Twrlay]
 browght, the same tyme xd.
 Item payd for xvij shefe of arow heddes, the
 same tyme vjs.

[Fo. 12.]

Item for the carte[r]sse cosse to Wolloghton, the
 same tyme, to fayche [= fetch] hernes [= armour,
 etc.] xiiijd.
 Item in reward to a sowgear of Tomworth, the
 same tyme xijd.
 Item in reward to a xj men that comme wyth Elys iijs. viijd.
 Item in reward to a sowgear for a case of arowse xijd.
 Item to Nycolys Uppejohn for a case for hys
 arowse xijd.
 Item payd for xij arow casws, the same tyme ix. ixd.

¹ See page 329, note 1, above.

Item for yowre browther-hedde [= guild or fraternity] off John of Powlse [St. Paul's]	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item payd to Wyott of Drayton [Drayton Basset, co. Stafford] for lvj (<i>sic</i>) yerdes of whyte clowthe to make sowgears kotes, after vij <i>d. ob.</i> (<i>sic</i>) the yerde, the same tyme	xxxvj <i>s. iij.d. (sic)</i>
Item payd at Lechefeld, the same tyme, for as myche whyte, by the hands of Gefferay Blow.	xxvj <i>s. viij.d.</i>
Item payd for a yerde a qwerterne and a <i>dim.</i> [= half] quarterne of redde clowthe to make crowsws [= crosses] for yowre sowgears	iiij <i>s. 1½.d.</i>
Item payd for whyte threde for the taylerse, the same tyme, that sowde thayre whyte kotes	i <i>s. ix.d.</i>
Item payd to the taylarse for thayr wagers	xvj <i>s. vij.d.</i>
Item to Henry Brasbryg by yowre commondment wen he went wyth Mr. Edward [Willoughby] ower the see, toward the byyng of a horse	v <i>s. viij.d.</i>
Item payd to Wyllam Clyfton, the same tyme [4 August], of a byll of acompte payd to yowre almse men and other paymenttes, by yowre commondment	ix <i>s. vd.</i>
Item for Shengleton cosse to Lunden wyth Mr. Edward	v <i>s. viij.d.</i>
Item in my Mr. cosse to Atherston [co. Warwick] syttyng of a commycion, the viij day of Awgwste	i <i>s. iiij.d.</i>

[Fo. 13.]

Item for the carter's cosse to Stretford wyth Mr. Edward	xiiij <i>d.</i>
Item for yowre cosse to Cowentre, the x day of Awgwste, x horsws wyth yow and Mr. Arthon and vj horsws wyth hym, lyyng ther a nyght	ix <i>s. xd.</i>
Item in reward to a frayre that praychyd at the towne chyrche, the same tyme	iiij <i>s. iiij.d.</i>
Item for ale at Lytwll Swtton [Little Sutton, parish of Sutton Coldfield, co. Warwick] as ye wen[t] of huntyng, the same tyme	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item for yowre dener at Rowgby [Rugby, co. Warwick], the xvj day of Awgwst, and all the comyssyners wyth yow	xs. iiij <i>d.</i>
Item in rewarde to my lorde of Kyllingworth [the abbot of Kenilworth's] ofesarse [= officers], the same tyme [19 August]	i <i>s. viij.d.</i>
Item payd for a payre of howse lynyng for my Mr. att Tomworthe, the same tyme	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item a lowde to My Lady that wantyd [= was wanting] of the hole sowme of the condyth [= conduct] mownay, the xxij day of August, that Mr. Edward [Willoughby] .send [= sent]	vs.

Item in reward to the underkeper of Dratton [= Drayton Basset, co. Stafford] the same tyme, for bryngy[ng] of a bowke [= buck] ..	xijd.
Item in reward to the underkeper of Kynsbayry [Kingsbury, co. Warwick] Parke wen yowre horses was faychyd frome thense, the same tyme ..	iiijd.
Item for bred and ale and wyne and keshyn [= kitchen charges] and horse mayt att Leche- feld, the xxvij day of August, and xx horse wyth yow vs.	vjd.
Item for a kote clowthe for Mr. Henry Wyllowgh- by, the same tyme.. .. .	iijs.
Item payd to a none of None Eton [Nuneaton, co. Warwick], the xxvij day of August, for bowrd- yng of John Gernwn's chylder of Coshington [Cossington, co. Leicester]	xs.

[Fo. 14.]

Item in reward to Mr. Wolnawle for lowkyng uppe of the shyryffe bowkes	xs.
Item in reward to Mr. Laynard Slade	vjs. viijd.
Item in rewarde to the bayshoppe of Lechefeld ..	vjs. viijd.
Item in reward to Mr. Hwght and Mr. Worthe chylder wen that (<i>sic</i>) went to Swtton [Sutton Coldfield, co. Warwick] to the skowle	xijd.
Item in reward to the waytes of Werweke	xijd.
Item in reward to ij mynstryles	xijd.
Item in reward to the armytt [= hermit] Egerton	iiijd.
Item in reward to ij mynstrylse	viijd.
Item in reward to Mr. Sphyherber [= Fitzherbert's] mynstryll	viijd.
Item in reward to Mr. Trewelyon servaunt	ijd.
Item in reward to Ser Randwll of Browton myn- stryll	viijd.
Item in reward to Rychheart Hwght, the baker of Tomworth, wen he was maryed	xxd.
Item in reward to a frayre of Werweke	viijd.
September.	
Item in reward to Mr. Langam, the fycysion ..	iijs. iiijd.
Item payd for plowwse [= plovers], the same day [5 September]	vjd.
Item in reward to on' that browght a bowke [= buck] from Stonton Parke, the vj day of Septembre	xijd.

[Fo. 15.]

Item in reward to the keper of Powlay [Pooley, parish of Polesworth, co. Warwick] Parke wen ye kyld a bowke ther	ijs. viijd.
Item for a payre of showse for Mr. Hwght	viijd.
Item in reward to the keperse of Stonton Parke	ijs.

Item in reward to on' that gayther'd for a hye waye, the same tyme	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item in reward to the keper of Olderkar [? Alder-car, near Pentrich, co. Derby], the vij day of Septembre, wen yow kylde a bowke ther . .	xx <i>d.</i>
Item in reward to the kepers of Downyngton [Castle Donington, co. Leicester] Parke, the x day of Septembre	vs.
Item in reward to the kepers of Nōtyngam owtt woddes, the xij day of Septembre	iijs. iiij <i>d.</i>
Item for bred and ale and shese [= cheese] ther, the same tyme	xij <i>d.</i>
Item in reward to on' of yowre solgearse that com frome Mr. Bawdwyne Wyllwghby	viiij <i>d.</i>
Item in reward to Rowgear Layche [=Leech], the xvj day of Septembre, wen he gawe yow sowe [= salve] for yowre fowte	xij <i>d.</i>
Item in reward to a sowgear of Mr. Saychewerell	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item for ale as ye went of hwntyng at Bowlwell [Bulwell, co. Notts]	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item payd to yowre almse men, the xiiij day . .	vij <i>d.</i>
Item in reward to the keper of the owtwood, the xvj day, wen ye kylde a bowke [= buck] ther	xx <i>d.</i>
Item payd for a bande for Mrs. Mare kyrtwll and mendyng of hytt, the same tyme [20 September]	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item for a payre of showse for Robert Swenfen . .	xd.
Item for hawkysmaytt, the same day	jd.
Item for Mr. Kwernby cosse to Laycytre, the xxij day of Septembre, to speke wyth the baycheope of Lyncolne	xij <i>d.</i>

[Fo. 16.]

Item for bayre [= beer] att Wedowsunse [= Widowson's], the same tyme	ij <i>d.</i>
Item payd to My Lady, the xxvij day, for canmes [= canves] to make on' of yowre almsemen a materes	xx <i>d.</i>
Item to Fowgard of Lenton [co. Notts.], the laste day of September, for taychyng of Rychheart Browne to knytt nettyes	xij <i>d.</i>

October.

Item in reward to Rowgear Layche, the fyrste day of Octobre, for sowwe [= salve] for yowre fowtte	iijs. iiij <i>d.</i>
Item for John' Hawward cosse to Pyngkaryge [Penkridge, co. Stafford] fayre iij dayse, ij horsws wyth hym	xx ^{ti} <i>d.</i>
Item to Ser Wyllam Webstar, the ij day of October, to pay yow[re] almsemen for iij monthys	vij <i>s.</i>
Item in reward to on' that browght a praysand . .	ij <i>d.</i>
Item for yowre oferyng att the rowde [= rood]	

of Garydyne [Garendon, co. Leicester]	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item for hawkes mayte, the same day	jd.
Item in rewarde to My Lorde of Garydyne [the abbot of Garendon, co. Leicester] ofesars ..	viiij <i>d.</i>
Item in reward to Mr. Edward [Willoughby's] chyder, the same tyme, att Powlsworth	xij <i>d.</i>
Item in reward to on' that browght payrse [= pears]	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item for lynyng for Mr. Hwght kote and Mr. Herry's	iijs.
Item for ij payre of hose clowth for Mr. Hwght	xij <i>d.</i>
Item for a bownnytt [<i>read</i> bownnytt = 'bonnet'] for Mr. Hwght and Mr. Henry	ijs. iiij <i>d.</i>

[Fo. 17.]

Item for a mayd that browght rowchews [=rushes]	jd.
Item payd for paper, the same day [11 October]	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item in reward to on' that caryed letters to Mr. Edwarde, the xiiij day of Octobre	xx <i>iiij</i> <i>d.</i>
Item in almys as ye went to Sylyold [= Solihull co. Warwick], the xv day	ijd.
Item payd for bowtes and showse for yowre selfe, the same day	vjs.
Item in reward to Alse Foxe wen she went a way ..	xx <i>iiij</i> <i>d.</i>
Item for yowre oferyng at a preste syngyng, the xx day of Octobre, at Mydwilton	iijs. iiij <i>d.</i>
Item for yowre gentyll wemyn oferyng	xij <i>d.</i>
Item to a perdner of Bwrton Laysarse [Burton Lazars, parish of Melton Mowbray, co. Leicester]	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item payd for a cotte clowthe for Mr. Hwght vs.	ijd.
Item in reward to a blynde mynstryll	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item in reward to Mr. Arthen servant for bryng- yng of a praysand	vjd.
Item payd for xij arow casws, the xxvj daye ..	vjs.
Item in reward to a mynstryll, the same day ..	xij <i>d.</i>
Item to the frayrsse of Lechefeld, the same day	xvjs. viij <i>d.</i>
Item for a payre of hose for Mystrys Mare ..	vij <i>d.</i>
Item in reward to a pore man of Badselay [Bad- desley, co. Warwick]	ijd.
Item in rewarde to ij. sawgearsse off My Lorde Fayrys [Ferrers], the xxviiij day of October ..	viiij <i>d.</i>
Item for a payre of knytt slewys for Mtrs. Mare	vjd.

[Fo. 18.]

Item for heryng, the same tyme	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item in rewarde to on' that browght kwynses ..	ijd.
Item to the browar for a bowle of now [= new] ale	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item in reward to ij skowlarse	ijd.
Item for ale as ye went of hwntyng	ijd.
Item for heryng, the same tyme	iiij <i>d.</i>

Item in reward to ij of yowre sowgears att thayre comyng home	xvjd.
Item for yowre oferyng of Awle Halow day ..	iiijd.
Item for yowre gentylwemyn oferyng	iiijd.
Item to the ryngarse of Awle Sawle nyght Novembre.	viijd.
Item in reward to Mr. Smythe sowgears, the iij day of Novembre, as they com homward.. ..	iiijd.
Item in reward to yowre chyldern att Powlesworth [Polesworth, co. Warwick] the same day	xijd.
Item in reward to the ancrys [= female anchorite], the same day	viijd.
Item in reward to yowre sowgears of Powlsworth	ijs.
Item in reward to ij sowgears of Notyngamshyre	xijd.
Item payd for v yerdes of lynyng for a slefles jakyd for my Mr., the v day of Novembre ..	ijs. jd.
Item in reward to a sowgear of My Lord Lylse [= Lisle's].. .. .	iiijd.
Item for John Hawward cosse to Lewenton(?) to send Germund to Ser Edward to Lowndon ..	vijd.
Item for Mystrys Mare cosse to Sent Kaylamse [= Saint Kenelm's, Winchcombe abbey, co. Gloucester]	xijd.
Item in reward to My Lorde Soferycan [= suf- ragan's] ¹ serwaunttes wen he halowed the belse att Mydylton	iijs. iiijd.

[Fo. 19.]

Item in reward to yowre potter's wyfe, the same tyme	iiijd.
Item in reward to a sowgear, the xiiij day	iiijd.
Item to Mr. Berweke, the same time, that ye send [= sent] hym wen the sekenes was in hys howse	vjs. viijd.
Item payd for iiij pesws of chemlett [=camlet], the same tyme [18 November]	iiij <i>li</i> . vs.
Item payd for a nelne of worstyd, the same tyme	vjs. viijd.
Item payd for v yerdes and a halfe of welwytt	lvs.
Item for a qwyfe [= coif] for my Mr., the same tyme	iijs.
Item payd for a bowgyd [= bucket ?], the same tyme	viijd.

Dccembre.

Item for cosse to Mr. Grayslayse [= Gresley's], the xiiij day of December, and raywarddes to the kepers	xjs. iiijd.
Item payd for a pwrse for my Mr., the xviiij day of Decembre	xd.

¹ William Sutton, consecrated bishop of Pavada 'in partibus' for the diocese of Coventry and Lichfield on 9 August, 1521 (Stubbs, *Registrum Sacrum*, second ed., p. 202).

Item payd for a hatband, the same tyme, for my Mr.	vijd.
Item payd for on' yerde of crane koler sernett [= sarcenet], the same tyme	iijs. viijd.
Item in claspyes and kepers, the same tyme . .	ijd.
Item payd for iij yerdes of chamlett, the same tyme	vjs. vjd.
Item payd for ij ownsws of raybyn, the same tyme	ijs. vd.
Item payd for xxij yerdes of lynyng, the same day	ixs. vijd.
Item payd for ij yerdes of canmes [= canvas], the same [day]	xd.
Item payd for ij yerdes and a holfe of bokeram	xxijd.
Item payd for a payre of knytt sleeves, the same [day]	vijd.
Item for a payre of howse for Mr. Hwght . .	viijd.

[Fo. 20.]

Item payd for xj elne of shert clowthe for my Mr.	xvijs. iiijd.
Item payd for fwre for a dowblete	iiijd.
Item in reward to a pore man that dwelse a Lyn- drese Lowge ¹ the same tyme [20 December] . .	iiijd.
Item to the berber of Cossell that he was by hynde	iiijd.
Item payd to the flaycheare for ij shefe of arowse	ijs. viijd.
Item payd to Thakar for brydwlbyttes	xxd.
Item to Mr. Hwght to bye shaftes [= arrows] . .	ijd.
Item in reward to on' of Mr. Ewyrell Dygby ser- vaunt	xxd.
Item in reward to my Lady abbas [of Polesworth, co. Warwick] servaunt	iiijd.
Item for my holfe yere wagews on Crystynnes Ewyn [= Eve]	xiijs. iiijd.
Item for yowre oferyng on Crystynnes Day . .	iiijd.
Item for yowre gentyllwemyn oferyng	ijd.
Item to Mr. Swynfen servauntt that kepys hawkes, by yowre commondment, to by him gayre [= gear]	iijs.
Item a lowde to Wyllam Clyfton by yowre com- mondment that he layde downe for a jakyd for owlde Glowwer [= Glover], yowre almse man	iijs. iiijd.
Item in reward to yowre sowgears of Sowlyold [= Solihull] that went wyth Mr. Bowdwen [Baldwin Willoughby]	iijs. iiijd.
Item in reward to on' John Wryght of Stafford- shyre that was of the kweste of the Hegerton [Egerton] mater	vs.
Item payd for holfe a dowsyn of dowgke cowpwl [= dog-couples] of Sent Thomas day	iiijd.
Item for menddyng of Mr. Hwght bowe	ijd.
Item in reward to the playars of Canke [= Can- nock, co. Stafford] of Sent Thomas day in Crystynnes	xijd.

¹ Lindridge Lodge in Sutton Coldfield Chase (Leland, *Itinerary*, iv, p. 109), co. Warwick.

[Fo. 21.]

Item in reward to my Lorde Baycheoppe of Layche- feld of Sent Thomas day in Crystynmes	vjs.	viijd.
Item in reward to hys servaunttes.. ..	..	xijd.
Item payd for ij M. [=thousand] pynse, the same tyme .. ..	..	xijd.
Item to my Mr. to playe at the cardes.. ..	iijs.	iiijd.
Item to a mynstryll, the same tyme, that was a servaunt of the dowke of Bowkyncom's	iijs.	iiijd.

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[January.]

Item in reward to yowre ofesars of Nowyer's day ..	xjs.	viijd.
Item to my Mr. to play att the cardes of Nowyer's day	iijs.	iiijd.
Item to a pore man of Sheshshyre .. ..	..	iiijd.
Item for yowre reward to the playars of Mydwlton	..	xxd.
Item to My Mr. to play att the cardes, the same tyme	iijs.	iiijd.
Item a lowde to Crampton for redde clowthe that he sowght at Cowentre wen yowre sowgears wen[t], and for hys cosse thether	iijs.	jd.
Item delyver'd to my Mr. by the handes of Gabrell Berweke to play att the cardes	ijs.	iiijd.
Item payd to Myster Ser Edward as dothe a payre by a byll for cosse at Lundon at Mykyllmes terme .. ..	..	xxxvijs.
Item payd for iij quyrs of papar for Mr. Awdyter	..	viijd.
<i>Summa totalis solucionum hujus libri ut patet : cclixli.</i>	viijs.	jd.
[Signed in another hand :] Henre Wyllughby.	205.	

1522, February 6 to [December].—"The boke of Wollaton made vj day of Februarii, in the xiiij yere of the rengne of K[ynge] H[enry] VIII," bound in four folios of a late 12th century service book. Accounts of payments for agricultural expenses, necessities for the household.

[Fo. 6.]

"Stoffe boughte at Lechefylde Feyre, the v day of Marche," being fish and expenses in connexion therewith; cost of "fresche accattes" to 12 October (fo. 22).

[Fo. 15.]

Item to William Wod for goynge a pylgermage
[November 2]
 .. | iiijs. |

[Fo. 16.]

Item for my Lade's costes to Wollaton, the xxvj. day of Auguste	ijs.	iiijd.
Item paid to a man for makynge of iiiij dossen of charcolle [31 August]	vjs.	viijd.

[Fo. 33.]

Item paid for *iiijli.* of waxse agenste Estur for the
 seypullcur tappurs *iijs.*
 Item for makynge of the same *ijd. ob.*
 Item paid at Darbe Feyre, the xxvj day of Apprell,
 for xxxⁱⁱ wethers *iiijli. xjd.*

[Fo. 34.]

Summa hujus libri : cxxvli. iijd. 205.

1523.—Extracts from account of John Levissey, "ser-
 vaunte unto Syr Henry Willughby, Knyght," from 8
 January, 14 Henry VIII. until [December 19].
 [Receipts: 154l. 13s. 1d.]

1523.

[Fo. 3.]

[January.]

Item in reward to yowre fowlars of Lyngcolne-
 shyre, the same tyme [11 January] *xxs.*
 Item to Mr. Mowmford for Mr. Hwght bowrde, the
 same tyme [18 January] *xs.*
 Item delyver'd to Mr. Ser Edward, the same tyme,
 wen he went to Lowndon to a tende yowre
 besynes *vli.*
 Item to the skowle mr. of Swtton [Sutton Cold-
 field, co. Warwick] for Mr. Hwght [Hugh Wil-
 loughby's] skowle hyre, the same tyme *iijs. iiijd.*
 Item in rayward to Mr. Sphyherberd [= Fitzher-
 bert's] mynstryll *xijd.*
 Item to Pernell for fastyng Sent Katterne Ewen
 [= Eve] for my mayster *iiijd.*
 Item payd to the caryar that caryed yowre hernes
 trome Cales [= Calais] to Lomdon (*sic*) *xxs.*

Februari.

[Fo. 4.]

Item payd for *iiij* elnys of lynyn clowthe, the same
 tyme [9 February], to make my myster nyght
 kyrschowse [= kerchiefs] *iiijs. viijd.*
 Item payd for a horse hernes for my Mr. and a
 payre of stowroppe [stirrup] laythers, the same
 tyme *iijs. ijd.*
 Item payd for a cape for my mayster, the same
 tyme *iijs. iiijd.*
 Item payd for mendyng of a wachc, the same
 tyme *xxd.*
 Item payd or a sett of counters *ijd.*
 Item payd to the werke men that elenssyd yowre
 motte [= moat], the same day [21 February].. *vjs. viijd.*

Item allowde to Hwght Large that he layd downe by yowre commondment to the berber <i>iiijd.</i> , to Glowssopp for hys cosse to Wolloghton <i>vjd.</i> , and for yowre wolantyne [= valentine] <i>iiijd.</i>	<i>xiiijd.</i>
Item to my Mr. to play att the cardes, the <i>xxiiij</i> day	<i>viijd.</i>

[Fo. 5.]

Marche.

Item payd for swgar cande	<i>ijd.</i>
Item in rayward to a sawgear that come frome Paygyon	<i>viijd.</i>
Item payd for coperws [= copperas], the x day of Marche	<i>iiijd.</i>
Item for yowre cosse to Werweke, the <i>xij</i> day of Marche, lyyng ther a nyght, ix hors.. .. .	<i>xijs. xjd.</i>
Item payd for a swger lowfe	<i>iiijs. ijd.</i>
Item in reward to a sawgear	<i>viijd.</i>
Item to Sawyge by yowre commondment for bryng- yng of <i>xxv]</i> dowsyn of tenshyws [= tench] ..	<i>vjs. vjd.</i>
Item payd for a bowke [= book] for Mr. Hwght	<i>xijd.</i>
Item in rayward to a sowgear of Mr. Swenfen's..	<i>xxd.</i>

[Fo. 6.]

Item for Wyllam Nowtman cosse into Notyngam- shyre for sawgears rydyng, the <i>iiij</i> dayse ..	<i>xvjd.</i>
Item for <i>iiij</i> sawgears cosse to Wollowghton ..	<i>xvjd.</i>
Item payd to on' of the prebenders of Tomworth for kepyng of hys fwrste raysydens, the <i>xxij</i> day	<i>xls.</i>
Item in rayward to the kynges pwrswont, the <i>xxvj</i> day of Marche	<i>ijs.</i>
Item for yowre porsyon at yowre dener att Sowl- yoll [Solihull, co. Warwick] at the making [= induction] of the weker [= vicar] of Aston..	<i>xvs.</i>

[Fo. 7.]

Item in rayward to a frayre that praychyd att Wolloghton on Polmsunday	<i>xijd.</i>
Item in rayward to a servaunt of Mr. Grayse that made a nale [= an ale, feast], the same day..	<i>ijs.</i>
Item in rayward to a sawgear, the same tyme	<i>iiijd.</i>
Item in reward to <i>ij</i> frayre, the same tyme [31 March]	<i>viijd.</i>

Apprell.

Item in rayward to on' Smythe for kepyng of swanse	<i>xxd.</i>
Item for yowre oferyng of Shyre Thursday ..	<i>iiijd.</i>
Item for yowre gentyll wemmyn's oferyng ..	<i>iiijd.</i>
Item in rayward to Mr. of the Gray Frayrse of Leychefeld, the <i>vj</i> day of Apprell	<i>vjs. viijd.</i>

Item in rayward to the chyrche ale, the same tyme	xijd.
Item in rayward to the maydse of Mydylton toward Sentt Gorge lyght	iiijd.
Item in almys, the same tyme	ijd.

[Fo. 8.]

Item to the perdnr [= pardoner] off Owre Lady of Baydlam [= Bethlehem]	iiijd.
Item to Lawranse Wodnett, the same tyme [9 April], for raytaynyng of men of lawe in Sheshyre, as a payryth by a byll	xxiijs.
Item in rayward to a munke of Merywall [Merivale, co. Warwick]	xijd.
Item in almys to a nermytt [= a hermit]	ijd.
Item for bred and ale a[t] Coventre, the same day [11 April]	xvj <i>d.</i>
Item for kechyn	ijs. ijd.
Item for horsse maytt	xxiijd.
Item for wyne	xijd.
Item for yowre oferyng att Owre Lady of the Towre	iiijd.
Item in almys ther	iiijd.
Item for bred and ale att yowre lowgyng att Dunscherche [Dunchurch, co. Warwick]	xviij <i>d.</i>
Item for kechyn, soper and brekefast	xxiiij <i>d.</i>
Item for horsse leyweray [= livery], the same nyght.	vs.
Item for fyre	iijd.
Item in almys	jd.

[Charges for bread and ale, kitchen, horsemeat, and fire at Wedon [Weedon, Northants], 11 April; wine at Tawsyttwr [Towcester, Northants]; bread and ale, breakfast, kitchen, horse-livery, fire, wine, mending a saddle, and alms at Stonystretford [Stony Stratford, co. Buckingham]; bread and ale, kitchen, horsemeat, wine, fire, and reward to the Friars at Dunstable [co. Bedford], 12 April; bread and ale, dinner and supper, kitchen, wine, fire, horsemeat, candle, and alms at Sent Talbonse [= Saint Albans, co. Hertford]; bread and ale, kitchen, wine, fire, horsemeat at Bernett [= Barnet, co. Hertford].]

Item for wyne at yowre soper at Stelse [= Steel's]	vd.
Item to the berber	iiijd.
Item payd for a quarter of befe, the xiiij day	xs. vjd.
Item payd for a mwttton [= sheep], the same tyme	iijs. iiijd.
Item for yekynse ¹	ix <i>d.</i>
Item payd for a showlder of mwttton to Stelse wife	iijd.

¹ Coupled with rabbits at p. 358.

[Fo. 10.]

Item payd for [a] quartwrne of wodde, the same tyme	xvjd.
Item for halfe a stryke of salte	xd.
Item payd for a lame [= lamb], the same tyme	xxjd.
Item in rayward to a frayre	iiijd.
Item payd for iiij quarter of sherkole [= charcoal]	xx ^{td} .
Item for bwttter, the same tyme	jd.
Item payd for a kylderbyn of bayre [= beer]	nichil.
Item payd for spyse, the same tyme	iiij ^s . xd.
Item payd to the caryar for caryage of gayre to Lunden	xvjd.
Item payd for a cypers, ¹ the same tyme	ixd.
Item payd for a payre of strype hawse [= hose] for my Mr.	iiij ^s .
Item payd for a galand of wyne, dener and soper	xvjd.
Item payd for ij dowsyn of sylke pontys [= points]	xiijd.
Item for bowthyre then	ijd.
Item payd for fygse	xijd.
Item for iiij dowsyn of pontes for my Mr.	xviijd.

[Fo. 11.]

Item payd for a glasse to drynke in	ijd.
Item for John' Hawward cosse goyng to gresse wyth yowre horses	ijd.
Item payd for a baroll of bayre	iijs. vjd.
Item payd for iiij quarter of kowlys	xxd.
Item to my Mr. to pwtt in his pwrse	iijs. iiijd.
Item for a boxse of trayakwll ²	viijd.
Item for vij off yowre servaunt dener wen ye went to the Cowrtt, the xx day	xixd.
Item for wyne att yowre soper	iiijd.

[Fo. 12.]

Item for yowre servaunt dener att the Cowrtte, the same day	xxijd.
Item for a qwarte of wyne at Westmynster	iiijd.
Item for yowre servaunt a lowanse att the Cowrtte, the xxiiij day of Aprell	xxd.
Item for horse maytt at the Cowrtte	jd.
Item for a premer for youre selfe.. .. .	iiijd.
Item for yowre servaunt dener at the Cowrtt, the xxv day of Aprell	ij ^s . viijd.
Item for wyne, the same day.. .. .	viijd.

¹ Probably an article of attire made of the crape-like fabric known as *cypress*. Cf. *New English Dictionary*, s.v. 'cypress, 3, 2.'

² Treacle, not molassea, to which the name has now been transferred, but a medical preparation of some sixty drugs made up into a liquid electuary with honey. It was used as a remedy for colic, fevers, small pox, measles, etc., although originally invented as an antidote against poison. In French *ihériaque* has replaced the older *triacle*, which is also derived from *θηριακή*.

Item for yowre oferyng at Owre Lady of Runsy-
wold,¹ the same day *ijd.*
Item for grene gynger, the same day *iiijd.*

[Fo. 13.]

Item in rayward to a clarke of the chonssry [= chan-
cery] for a cople of a panell in Lyncolne-shyre *xijd.*

[Fo. 14.]

[May.]

Item for yowre servaunt dener att the Cowrtte, the
same day [1 May] *xxijd.*
Item payd for viij qwarter of charkole, the ij day of
May *iijs. ijd.*
Item for Ser Edward servaunt dener at the Cowrtte *iiijd.*
Item for yowre servaunt dener at the Cowrtte, the
iiij day of Maye *xijd.*

[Fo. 15.]

Item for my mayster dener at the tabwrne, the
viiij day of Maye *vs. xjd.*
Item payd for a baskyd and a lowke [= fastener?]
for to carye swgar in *vjd.*
Item for fryche fyche and bwttter and egsc the (*sic*)
wen My Lowrde Awdlay swpped wyth yow . . *xs.*
Item for wyne att yowre soper, the same tyme.. *ijs. viijd.*

[Fo. 16.]

Item for yowre browther-hod at Owre Lady Gyld
were Rycheart Shether dwelse *xijd.*
Item for yowre pensyon at Grayse In, the xv day
of Maye *vjs. viijd.*
Item for yowre servaunt dener ther, the same tyme *xijd.*
Item in almys, the same day *iiijd.*

[Fo. 17.]

Item for wyne at yowre soper *iiijd.*
Item for appwls *jd.*
Item for yowre servauntes dener att the Cowrtte,
the ixx [= xix] day of Maye *xijd.*
Item payd for confedse [= cumfits] *xviijd.*
Item payd for golde and sylwer for the coke . . *xxd.*

[Fo. 21.]

June.

Item in rayward to a mynstryll, the iiij day of
June *iiijd.*

¹ The fraternity of St. Mary Runcivall occupied the site of a cell of the priory of Roncesvalles on the site of Northumberland Avenue and adjoining Scotland Yard. See Stow's *History of London*, ed. Kingsford, ii, p. 100.

Item for Bayglay's [= Baggaley's] cosse for kyllyng a redd dayre a gaynste Mrs. Alys weddyng ..	xijd.
Item in rayward to My Lady of Powlsworth the ser- vaunt for bryngyng of a praysand	viijd.
Item in rayward to Mr. Trawelyon servaunt for bryngyng of a dayre	xijd.
Item in rayward to a frayre that praychyd att Mid- wlton, the vij day of June	viijd.
Item in rayward to yowre hountte [= huntsman]	iiijd.
Item to the berber, the viij day of June	iiijd.
Item in rayward to mynstrylse the same day Mystrys Also was maryed	xxs.
Item for yowre of (<i>sic</i>) hoferyng at Mystrys Also weddyng	iiijd.
Item for strowbayrys	ijd.
Item in rayward to My Lord of Dowdlay ser- vaunt for bryngyng of a dayre	ijs.

[Fo. 22.]

Item in rayward to on' that browght konys [=conies, rabbits] from Wolloghton	xijd.
Item in rayward to the bowcheare that helpyd the cokes to kyll bewys [=beeves] and mowton [=sheep]	vjd.
Item to on' of Lyncolneshyre for bwrtters [= bit- terns] and cranse [= cranes] a gaynste Maystrys Alyse weddyng	vjs. viijd.
Item for strowbayrys a[t] the same tyme	vd.
Item in rayward to the Frayrs of Cowentre ..	iiijd.
Item for yowre oferyng at Owre Lady of the Towre	iiijd.

[Fo. 23.]

Item for yowre oferyng at Owre Lady of Breke'll' [= Great Brickhill, co. Buckingham], the same day [13 June]	iiijd.
Item in rayward to the ances of Sent Talbonse [= Saint Albans]	iiijd.
Item for wyne at yowre comyng to Lundon, the same day [14 June]	iiijd.

[Fo. 24.]

Item for stowfe to make yngke	iijd.
Item for ale at the Perlament chambwr	jd.
Item for yowre servaunt dener, the xix day, wen ye went to dyne wyth on' of the sheryffe of London	xxd.
Item for neldse [= needles] for yowre gentwlvemyn	ijd.

[Fo. 25.]

Item for yowre cosse at the Cowrtte, the xxj day of June	iiijs.
Item for yowre dener at Grayse In [23 June] ..	viijd.

Item for cherys, the same day [24 June]	iiijd.
Item for bred and ale at the bonefyre.. .. .	iiijd.
Item for caryage of a nowfne [= an oven] home	vjd.
Item for wyne to the Sargans In [26 June] ..	xvjd.
Item in rayward to a Rowme roner [= "Rome runner"]	xijd.
Item for grene gynger	iiijd.

[Fo. 26.]

Item for a payre of glowfse for My Lady	iiijd.
Item for cosse at the Cowrtrt, the xxviiij day ..	xd.
Item for rabyds and yekynse	xjd.

July.

Item for ale at the Parliament Howse	iiijd.
Item for aqwowyte [= <i>aqua vitæ</i>]	iiijd.

[Fo. 27.]

Item to the clarkes of the Comon Howse	xxd.
Item to Stelse wyfe for howse rowme iij wekes	xxs.
Item for wodde and fagottes	iijs. iiijd.
Item in rayward to Stelse chylder and servauntes	xxd.
Item in rayward to the armytt	xijd.
Item in ij cappys for Mr Hwght and Mr Draycot	iijs. viijd.
Item for a quartwrne of golde	xiiijd.

[Fo. 28.]

Item in rayward to a mynstryll	viijd.
Item payd for a M. pynse	vjd.
Item in rayward to a mayde for bryngyng of a grene chese for a praysand	ijd.
Item in rayward to the preseners of Notyngam, the xvij day	iiijd.
Item to on' that caryed a brase of grewyses [= grouse] to Mydwilton	iiijd.

[Fo. 29.]

Item in rayward to a mynstryll, the same day [25 July]	iiijd.
Item in rayward to ij sawgears of Sowlyoll that com owtte of Skowtland	xijd.

[August.]

[Fo. 30.]

Item in rayward to the keepers of Beskewodd [= Bestwood, co. Notts] wen ye kylde a bowke ther, the same day [3 August]	ijs.
Item in raywarde to Mr. Stowrlay [= Strelley's] keeper wen ye kylde a bowke ther	xxd.
Item in rayward to Mayster Stowrlay norse, the same day	viijd.

Item in rayward to the kyngse jowgler, the same day [10 August]	xxd.
Item in rayward to a sawgear, the same day [11 August]	xxd.

[Fo. 31.]

Item for yowre browtherhed to Sent Thomas ..	iiijd.
Item in raywarde to the kepers of Drayton, the xvij day of Augwste, wen ye kylde a bowke ther	iiijs.
Item in rayward to the keper of Banglay [Bangley Chase, near Tamworth, co. Stafford] for bryngyng of a dayre home	xijd.
Item in raywardes to the kepers of Sherold [Shirrall Hall, parish of Drayton Bassett, co. Stafford], the xxij day, wen ye kylde a bowke ther	ijs. iiijd.
Item payd for v yerdes of saten in dypwrs for lynyng for a jakyd for my Mr.	iijs. iiijd.

[Fo. 32.]

Item for cosse at Bremygeam [= Birmingham], the xxx day of Auguste	ijs.
Item for yowre browther hede at the Yelde [= Guild] of Bremygeam	vjs. viijd.
Item payd to the skowle Mr. of Swtton for Mr. Howe [= Hugh's] skowle-hyre	vjs. viijd.

September.

Item for yowre oferyng at Sent Gylse at Canwoll [Canwell priory, near Tamworth, co. Stafford], the fyrste day of September	iiijd.
Item delyver'd to My Lady Anne by yowre commondment toward the byyng of a pelyon [= pillion]	vjs. viijd.
Item for cosse at Monsfeld [Mansfield, Notts] the ix day of September, wen my Mr. rode to My Lorde Stoward	iiijs. xjd.
Item in rayward to a nolde serwaunt of My Lordes that showt [= shot] in a crosbow	ijs.
Item in rayward to a frayre of Lechefeld, the xiiij day of September	viiijd.

[Fo. 33.]

Item in rayward to the keper of Dunyngton Parke for kylling of a tayke ¹ ther	xijd.
Item for my Mr. browther-hede of Sent John of Baywerlay [= Beverley, co. York]	iiijd.
Item payd for dowge tayryttes ¹ and cowpwls and a shene [= chain]	ijs. viijd.
Item in rayward to a serwaunt of Mr. Thwrland for bryngyng of ij swanse	xijd.

¹ Query meaning.

Item for yowre oferyng at Haylse [Hailes Abbey, co. Gloucester].	iiijd.
Item in rayward to a servaunt of Ser Ris ap Thomas for bryng[yng] of a fres cote to my Mr., the xxv day of September	vjs. viiijd.
Item in rayward to Mr. Bawdwen Wyllwghby wyfe, the same day [27 September]	xxs.
Item for her cosse frome Wolloughton to Mydwillton and iij wyth her and myne, comyng and goyng	xvd.

[Fo. 34.]

Item in rayward to a nale [= an ale, feast] for Hayner [= Heanor, co. Derby] cherche, the xxviiij day of September	vjs. viiijd.
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October.

Item for my browtherhed of the Trenyte of Notyngam.	xxd.
Item in rayward to a pore man toward the byyng of halfe a rowke ¹ of kolse	vjd.
Item in rayward to a frayre of Laycytwr [= Leicester] that praychyd at Wolloton, the xj day of October	xijd.
Item for my Mr. oferyng at Glower weddyng, the same day	iiijd.
Item in rayward to olde fayther Rawson wen he went a way, the same tyme	xx ^{td} .
Item in rayward to a serwyng man that was wyth howtt a serwys, the same tyme	iiijd.
Item for my Mr. browther-hede to the chapell of the Cey, the xij day of October	iiijd.
Item for my Mr. rayward to Glower wen he was maryed, the same day	ijs.

[Fo. 35.]

Item payed unto Crampton, the same tyme [24 October], for makyng of Maystrys Esabell Egerton gayre by the space of ij yere, by my Mr. commondment.	vjs. iiiijd.
Item payd for a yerde of welwytt for my Mayster gawberdyne [= gaberdine], the xxvj day of October	xs.
Item for vj yerdes of lynyng for his gawberdyne	ijs. viiijd.
Item in rayward to my Lorde of Swffolke berward, the xxviiij day of October	xijd.
Item to my Mayster to play at the cardes, the xxx day	iiijd.
Item a lowde to Rychart Egerton and yowre fawkner for iiij dayse hawkyng a bowtt Bewoll [Beauvale, parish of Greasley, co. Notts], by yowre commondment	xd.

¹ For a 'rook' of coals, see page 169, note 1, above.

Item a lowde to John Hauward, the last day of
 October, for hys cosse to Pyngkeryge [Penkridge,
 co. Stafford] Fayre wyth ij horsus, and frome
 Wolloghton to Coventre, goyng and comyng .. ijs. *iiijd.*
 Item for my Mr. oferyng of Alhalow Day *iiijd.*

November.

Item for my mayster rayward to the ryngars of
 Awle Sawle Day *iiijd.*
 Item for ale at Notyngam for my Mr. as he comme
 frome My Lady Bayryns [=Byron's], the iij day
 of Novembre *iiijd.*
 Item for warnysshying of my Mr. spowrs, the
 same tyme *ijd.*
 Item payd for horse bred for Mystrys Stanope
 wen she was at Wolloghton, the xij day of
 Novembre *vjd.*

[Fo. 36.]

Item in rayward to My Lord of Swffolk berward,
 the same tyme [17 November] *viijd.*
 Item for cosse at Assheby, the same tyme, lyyng
 ther a neyght wyth xvj horsws xjs. *iiijd.*
 Item in rayward to Ellys, Mr. Trawelyon servaunt,
 wen he com frome Skowtland, the same tyme .. *xijd.*
 Item in rayward to a servaunt of Henry Mer-
 myon's for bryngyng of a letter fr[o]me Wollowgh-
 ton the [read to] Mydwlton, the xx day of
 Nowember.. .. . *viijd.*
 Item payd for a hatband for my mayster, the xxvj
 day of November *xijd.*

[December.]

Item to my Mr., the ij day of December, to play
 at the cardes *xijd.*
 Item payd for viij skynse of buge and viij skynse
 of lamme for my mayster gowne vijs. *iiijd.*
 Item payd for iij yerdys of raybyn for Maystrys
 Mare gowne, the same day [15 December] .. *xvjd.*
 Item for a gyrdyll for Mrs. Mare, the same tyme *xvjd.*
 Item for a payre of showse for Mrs. Mare *vijd.*
 Item delyver'd to My Lady, the xvj day of Decem-
 bre, by my Mr. commondment to the byyng of
 a gowne for Mrs. Mare and lynyng therto .. xiijs. *iiijd.*
 Item a lowde to Robert Swenfen for hys cosse
 sechyng [= seeking] a hawke, by my Mr. com-
 mondment.. .. . *vijd.*

[Fo. 37.]

Item payd for papeur at the awdytt and for the
 ingrosshyng of the audytt bowkes *viijd.*
Summa totalis solucionum hujus libri: cxlix li. vs. iijd.
 [Signed:] Henre Wyllughby. *205.*

1523.—Extracts from “The bowke of Wollatton made the xvij day of *Januarii*, in the xiiij yer’ of the rengen of Kyng Henre the VIIJth for the husholde,” consisting of payments for threshing, ploughing, mowing, “scherynge rye and whete,” and other agricultural expenses, repairs of buildings and implements, purchase of stores, at Wollatton and at Wyllughby; (Fo. 20) fish bought at Sturburge 1*l.* 2*s.* 5*d.* and travelling expenses thither and costs of carriage; spices bought at the same fair; (Fo. 22) “fresche accates at Wollatton” (fish, including “conger and porposse,” “rever fysche,” mussels, cockles, oysters, crabs and mustard, bread, honey, raisins and figs, almonds, eggs, chickens, “ij dossen sparowys,” vinegar, wine, ale, pigeons, capons, woodcocks, etc.), being weekly accounts from 28 February to 14 November, amounting in all to 12*l.* 15*s.* 10½*d.*

[Fo. 2.]

March 29.

Item to the same Townysende for kepyng of corne
from the wylde gesse *iiijd.*

[Fo. 6.]

Item to a man for makynge xix^{xx} kyddes [= fag-
gots] of brome *xxd.*

[Fo. 8.]

For nesarys for the howsholde.

Item payd, the same day [3 August], for maw-
mysse [= Malmsey wine] for the prystes. *ijd.*

Item for bred agenst My Lade’s comynge
[August 31] *jd.*

Item paid, the same day, to Sysle [= Cecily]
Bawnnfordde and hir syster for ij days gatherynge
barberys *viijd.*

[Fo. 9.]

Item paid for a pecke of wottmell [= oatmeal] *vd.*
For the makynge of a dossen and *dim[idiom]*
charecolle *vs.*

[Fo. 11.]

For nesaris at Wollatton.

Item for mendynge of the logge in the parke *iiijd.*

[Fo. 12.]

For warkmens waggis.

Item paid, the same day [4 October], to Swynscow
wyff for loggyng of straungers *xiiijd.*

Item in rayward to a frayre of Hatherston [=Atherstone, co. Warwick] for praychyng at Mydwlton, the xxj day of Decembre	viijd.
Item in rayward to Pernell for fastyng Sent Catern's Ewyn for my mayster, the same tyme	iiijd.
Item in rayward to Gelyonse of Faslay [=Faze- ley, co. Stafford], the xxiiij day of Decembre, wen he com home forthe of Fronse [France]	xx th d.
Item in rayward to a play of Sent John' Day in Crestynmes	xijd.
Item for my mayster and (<i>sic</i>) rayward to the playars of Sylyolle [=Solihull, co. Warwick] of Sent Thomas Day	iijs. iiijd.
Item in rayward to the baychepe of Lechefeld, the same day	vijjs. viijd.
Item in rayward to on' of yowre taynand sonse of Mydwlton that wentt to the uniuersyte	xx th d.

1524.

[January.]

Item in rayward to a frayre of Hatherston [Ather- stone, co. Warwick] that praychyd at Mydwlton the v day of <i>Januarii</i>	ijjs.
Item for my Mr. rayward toward the making of ij tapers at Mydwlton chyrche on the Twelfte Day	ijjs. ijd.

[Fo. 4.]

Item in rayward to a blynde mynstryll, that was the dowke of Bowkekyngam mynstryll, the xj day of Januari	xx th d.
Item for cosse at the bayryng [=burying] of Maystrys Elsabayth, the same day [27 January]	vjs. vd.
Item in rayward to playars of Longkashyre, the xxx day of Januari	xijd.
Item in rayward to a frayre of Warwyke that prayched at Mydwlton chyrche on Candelmes Day	viijd.

[Fo. 5.]

[February.]

Item in rayward to on' that brought a letter frome Ser Edward Wyllghby frome London, the same tyme [5 February]	vjd.
Item in rayward to a showger [=soldier], the vj day of Faibruari	viijd.
Item in rayward to viij wemyn that brought bremme [=bream] frye frome Kyngeshorste [Kingshurst Hall, parish of Coleshill, co. Warwick], the viij day of Faibruari	xvjd.

Item in rayward to my Mr. wolantyne of Sent
Wolantyne Day, the xiiij day of Faibruari .. *iiijd.*

[Fo. 6.]

Item in rayward to the pore man of Lendryge
Loge, the xvij day of Faibruari, wen he went to
Sent Cornelys *xijd.*

Item payd for xij payre of baydes [=beads,
rosaries] for the chapell.. .. . *iiijd.*

Marche.

Item payd for bowkes [= books] for Mr. Dray-
cott, the same tyme [2 Marche] *ijs. vjd.*

Item payd for the prononstycations [= prognos-
tications], the same tyme *ijd.*

Item in rayward to a pore skoler, the v day of
Marche *iiijd.*

Item in almys to ij skolers, the same day [12
March] *ijd.*

Item in rayward to Rychheart Browne for kylling
of a cormerant, the xiiij day of Marche *ijd.*

Item for my Mr. oferyng on Shyrethwrsday .. *ijd.*

Item for Mr. Draycott oferyng *ijd.*

[Fo. 7.]

Item for my Mr. browtherhed to Owre Lady of
Baydlem [= Bethlehem] *iiijd.*

Aprill.

Item in rayward to a pore preste, the fyrste day
of Aprell *iiijd.*

Item to Maystrys Mare, by my Mr. commond-
ment, when she wentte to the kyrstnyng [= chris-
tening] of Wyllam Whythe Kystwll chylde .. *xvjd.*

Item in rayward to the Whyet Fryeris of Cowen-
tre, the xvij day *xijd.*

Item to Lowys, the xxiiij day of Apryll, by my Mr.
commondment, wen he wen[t] in to Walse
[= Wales].. .. . *xs.*

[Fo. 8.]

Item to the wardon of the Grayfrays of Lechefeld,
the same day, by my Mr. commondment, for
hys halfe yere fee [*sum (8s. 8d ?) erased*].

Item in rayward to on' that made the pompe, the
same tyme [25 April] *viijd.*

Item for Rychheart Tyler cosse to fayche the
pumpe maker *viijd.*

Item in rayward to on' that brought my Mr.
worde were the redd dayre [= deer] le [= lay],
the xxviiij day of Appryll *iiijd.*

Item payd for iiij powtylls [= pottles] of wyne at
Bremygeam, the xxix day of Aprell ijs. vjd.

[May.]

Item payd for a potyll of howlle holyffe [= olive
oil] xvijd.
Item in rayward to a mynstryll Mr. Fytton's .. ijs.
Item for my Mr. brotherhed of Sent John Frare
[=Friary], the xvj day of Maye iiijd.

[Fo. 9.]

Item to Mrs. Mare, the xxv day of May, to by
her gayre at Coventre, by my Mr. commondment ijs.

June.

Item in rayward to on' that browght worde of the
fedying of a redd dayrre by yonde Macstoke
[Maxstoke, co. Warwick], the iij. day of June iiijd.
Item in almys to iij pore skowlers, the same day iiijd.
Item for Basford cosse of huntyng of the hotter
and on' wyth hym, by the spase of on fortnytt xvijd.
Item in rayward to yowre browar, the iiij day of
June, for a bowle of now [=new] ale ijd.
Item for my Mr. brother hede to the procter of
Sent Caterne iiijd.
Item payd for ij sett of cawllmen¹, the vj day of
June iiijd.

[Fo. 10.]

Item for my Mr. cosse and raywardes at my Lorde
Marques [of Dorset's], lyyng forthe on' nyght,
and xij horse wyth hym, the xv day vs. iijd.
Item payd for strowbayrys to make strowbayry
water iiijd.
Item in rayward to Robert Swenfen for wachyng a
dayre that was lawgyd by syde Swenfen, the xxj
day of June iiijd.
Item in rayward to Rychheart Broune for kylyng
of ij hosprayse [=ospreys] viijd.
Item for my Mr. hoferyng at Sent Jamse chapell
at Tomworth, the xxiiij day of June iiijd.
Item in rayward to a frayre that confeste my May-
ster and my Lady ther, the same tyme xijd.
Item for bred and ale ther, the same tyme xijd.
Item in almys ther, the same tyme jd.

[Fo. 11.]

Item payd for vj glassus for Ser Wyllam xijd.
Item payd for a cape for Mr. Cattysby, the xxvij
day xiiijd.

¹ Query meaning.

Item in rayward to Mr. Worthe sone, my Mr. goodson [= godson], the xxviiij day	viiij <i>d.</i>
Item for my Mr. hoferyng at Owre Lady of Walsyngam [Walsingham, co. Norfolk], the same tyme, caryed by the bryar [<i>read pryar</i>] of Macstoke	iiij <i>d.</i>

July.

Item for my Mr. rayward at the kyrstnyng of Paygyon chyld, the ij day of July	iijs. iiij <i>d.</i>
Item in rayward to a servaunt of Mr. Cwrssun's for bryngyng of a praysand, the x day of July	viiij <i>d.</i>
Item in rayward to on' Cokes, for bryngyng of letters frome Wossall [Walsall, co. Stafford], the xvij day of July	viiij <i>d.</i>
Item for my Mr. cosse at Notyngam at the syse [= assize] and xxx persons wyth hym	xs. j <i>d.</i>
Item for cosse at Laysytwr at the syse and xvij horsse wyth my Mr., and frome thense to Mydwlton, the xxviiij day of July	vij <i>s.</i> iiij <i>d.</i>

[Fo. 12.]

[August.]

Item to Mrs Mare, by my Mr. commondment, the the vj day of Auguste, to the kyrstnyng of Isbrand [Barnaby's] chyld	xx ^u <i>d.</i>
Item to my Mr. browtherhed in the perdon of Sent Thomas of Conterbayry, the vij day of Awgwste	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item for my Mr. hoferyng at a preste making, the xv day of Awgwste	xij <i>d.</i>

[September.]

Item for iiij of my Mr. serwauntes cosse home frome Mr. Fytton to Mydwlton, the v day of September	ij <i>s.</i>
Item in raywardes to Mr. Fytton hofesers, the same tyme	viijs.
Item for bred and ale and chese in Maqkesfeld [= Macclesfield, Cheshire] forest, the same tyme	ij <i>s.</i> xd.
Item for my Mr. raywardes to Ser Payrs [= Piers, Peter] of Leye hofesers, the vj day of Septembre	vj <i>s.</i>
Item for my Mr. cosse at Sent Anse of Bwcstone [= Buxton, co. Derby], the vij day of Septembre	vij <i>s.</i> vj <i>d.</i>
Item for my Mr. cosse at Asshebwrne [Ashborne, co. Derby], the same day	iiij <i>s.</i> viij <i>d.</i>
Item for wyne at Notyngam, the viij day	ix <i>d.</i>
Item [in] rayward to a pwrswante [= pursuivant], the same day, at Wolloghton	xx ^u <i>d.</i>
Item in rayward to on' that hade hys howse bwrnde, the same tyme [10 September]	iiij <i>d.</i>

Item to my Mr. to play at the cardes of Hawle Halow Ewyn	iiijd.
Item for my Mr. hoferyng of Awle Halow Day	iiijd.
Item for the chylder hoferyng	iijd.
Item to the ryngars at Mydwlton chyrche of All Halow nyght	iiijd.
Item to a pardner [= pardoner], the same tyme	iiijd.
Item for my Mr. cosse at Assheby, the iij day of Novembre, wyth xvj horse lyyng ther on' nyght	viijs. vjd.
Item for my Mr. hoferyng of Saynt Laynerd's day at Wolloghton	iiijd.

[Fo. 16.]

Item payd for a cape for Mr. Catysby at Lenton Fayre [11 November]	xviijd.
Item for Robert Swynfen cosse frome Mydwlton to Wolloghton wyth hys hawkes and spanyels ..	vjd.
Item payd for halfe a yerde of saten in Brydges [= satin of Bruges] for my Mr. pa[r]tlet ¹ , the same tyme	xijd.
Item for iij yerdes bokeram, the same tyme ..	xiijd. ob.
Item payd for a saten cape for my Mr., the same tyme	iijs.
Item payd for a rayne [= ream] of paper, the same tyme	ijs. viijd.
Item a lowde Kayglay for hys halfe yerc feye for shawyng [= shaving] of my Mr., the x day of November	iijs. iiijd.
Item for my Mr. raywarde to the frayrse of Now- warke [Newark, Notts] that praychyd at Wol- loghton, the same tyme [14 November]	iijs. iiijd.
Item for my Mr. cosse of huntyng at Hassell- worth Cleffe [Hazleford, between Flintham and Bleasby, co. Nottingham], the xv day of November	iijs. xd.
Item in raywardes to my lorde of Chelforde [= the prior of Shelford, co. Notts] hofysers, lyyng ther on' nyght, the same tyme	ijs.
Item in raywarde to Mr. Langam the fycycion, the xvj day of November	xs.
Item in rayward to a serwantt of my Lady Per- ponttes for bryngyng of a praysand, the same tyme	iiijd.
Item in raywarde to the skowlers of Wolloghton towrde theyr dayner	viiijd.

[Fo. 17.]

December.

Item for my Mr. cosse at Wossoll [= Walsall], the xvij day of December, wyth lij horse wyth hym on nyghte	ljs. iiijd.
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¹ Neck-apparel. See *New English Dictionary*.

Item for ij chettes [= sheets] of parchement, the
 same tyme viijd.
Summa totalis allocacion[um]: iiij^{xli}. vs. vijd. ob.
 [Signed:] Henre Wylughby. 205.

1524.—Extracts from “The bocke of paymentes for freshe accattes [at Myddulton Halle]¹ from the ix day of *Januarii*, in the xv yere of of the rengn of Kyng Henre the VIIJth” [to 10 December], and “from the xvij day of Decembir, in the xvj yere of the rengen of K[yng] H[enre] VIIJth” [to 31 December].

[Fo. 5 verso.]

The ix day of October at the wedyng of M[rs.] Mare Harbottell. [Payments for 44 geese, 9s. 2d.; 32 capons, 10s. 3d.; three “pygges,” 12d.; a mallard and two teal, 4d.; eggs, 9½d.; 8 dozen and five chickens, 7s. 11d.; six capons, 3s.; 2 “brettes” (= turbot or brill,) 18d.; a fresh salmon, 2s. 4d.; two scate, 14d.; herrings, 10d.; plaices, 4d.; roaches and a pickeril, 16d.; eleven “pygges,” 3s. 7d.; a gallon of honey, 14d.; eggs, 9d.; a pickeril and a “chevyn” (= chubb), 9d.; butter, 4d.; a capon, 7d.; four chickens, 4d.; eggs, 20d.; neats’ feet, 4d.; two capons, 10d.; eleven “pyges,” 3s. 6d.; fresh fish, 12d.; three quarterns of almonds, 2½d.; a dozen and three snipe and plovers, 10d.; the “catter” (= caterer’s) costs, 2d.; two “pykkes,” 3s. 8d.; three teal and 10 snipe, 6d.; four mallards, 8d.; four teal and seven snipe, 6d.; butter, 4d.; twelve “pyges,” 4s.; six mallards, 12d.; four dozen and three chickens, 3s. 5d.; 26 couple of “conys,” 8s. 8d.; payment “to men to turne broches” (= spits), 2d.; “herne sewis” (young herons), 12d. Total: 3l. 19s. 10½d. (read 11d.).]

[Fo. 8 verso.]

At the comyng of Lorde Ferers [December 31.] [Details.]

[Fo. 10 verso.]

The wages for the halfe yere at Myssomer, in the xvj yere of the rengne of Kynge Henre (sic) the VIIJth.

Item paid to Ser Richarde, the parushe pryst	.. liijs.	iiijd.
Item to Ser William Webbe	.. .. .	xxs.
Item to Henre Marmyon	.. .. .	xxs.
Item to Richarde Etton	.. .. .	xxs.
Item to William Egerton	.. .. .	xxs.
Item to Henre Braseburge	.. .. .	xxs.
Item to Gabrell Barwykk	.. .. .	xxs.
Item to Richarde Egerton	.. .. .	xxs.

¹ Supplied from the contemporary title on the outer cover.

Item to John Bellers .. .. .	.. xxxs.	
Item to William Clyfton .. .. .	.. xxvjs.	viijd.
Item to [blank]		
Item to Thomas Marten .. .. .	.. xiijs.	iiijd.
Item to William Wodnett .. .. .	.. xiijs.	iiijd.
Item to Hugh Large .. .. .	.. xiijs.	iiijd.
Item to John' Brendwod .. .. .	.. xxs.	
Item to Isbrande [Barnabe ¹] .. .. .	.. xxs.	
Item to Nicholas up John .. .. .	.. xxs.	
Item to Robert Wethens .. .. .	.. xvjs.	viijd.
Item to William Marlow .. .. .	.. xiijs.	iiijd.
Item to Richarde Tokke .. .. .	.. xiijs.	iiijd.
Item to Robert Baseforde .. .. .	.. xiijs.	iiijd.
Item to Geoffrey Blew .. .. .	.. xiijs.	iiijd.
Item to John Adamyse .. .. .	.. xiijs.	iiijd.
Item to William Walker .. .. .	.. xs.	
Item to William Nottman .. .. .	.. xiijs.	iiijd.
Item to Robert Swynfen .. .. .	.. xs.	
Item to John Hawarde .. .. .	.. xs.	

[Fo. 11.]

[Payments to nineteen "husbande men" and eight "wemen."]

[Payments for shoeing horses, fo. 13.]

[Fo. 13 verso.]

Memorandum, that I have rekenyd wyth John' a Lane for makynge of waxe frome Crystenmasse, in the xv yere of Kynge Henre the VIIJth, unto Miheilmas next folowyng that, and at [= that]

I have paid hym xiiijd.

[Fo. 14.]

[Payments for "iron ware" (= ironmongery).]

[Fo. 15.]

The xj day of Marche.

Item, the same day, for knettyng of a tramell ²	ijs.	vjd.
Item paid to the pyper of Wyschaw [Wishaw, co. Warwick] for leppe [= "leap," basket] rodde		xvjd.
Item paid for makyng of viij lepys [= baskets]	ijs.	viijd.
		205.

¹ From the Christmas list (fo. 11 verso), which has in addition "Laurence Wodnett, 40s., Sir Henre, 20s., Thomas Apole, 10s., Lewys, 13s. 4d.," but omits William Nottman.

² A 'trammel,' a net for catching partridges, etc., or fish (Cotgrave, s.v. 'tremaille').

[Fo. 9.]

For sadulls and nessarīs to the same.

Item paid to a fewster [= maker of saddle-trees] of Sheldon [co. Warwick], the xij day of <i>Januarii</i> , for iij syde saddull treis and a male sadultres (<i>sic</i>)	iiijs.	vjd.
Item paid to the sadeler of Colshull [Coleshill, co. Warwick] for makynge a syde sadull, the xxviii day of <i>Februarii</i> , for Mastres Harbottell	ijs.	viijd.
Item paid, the xij day of June, to the saduller for the warkmanshype of keverynge of the harnys to my Lades sadull		vjd.
Item for nalynge and synoyng ¹ of Mastres Alece sadull		vjd.
Item for a felte to my Lades sadull		vjd.
Item for canmasse [= canvas] to the same sadull		vd.
Item for the warkemanshype of keverynge of my Lades sadull and Mastres Alice sadull	ijs.	viijd.
Item for frynge [to] the same sadull and harnys		xiiijd.
Item for a panell for M[astres] Alice sadull		viijd.
Item for the gleythe ² to the harnys of my Lades sadull		xviijd.
Item paid to the sadeler for makynge a velloett harnessse at my Mr. rydyng to Chestur and for stoffe at [the] same tyme; item for a new syde sadull and the harness and for a sadull for John Burgesse: the price of all is	xiiijs.	xjd.
Item paid to the sadeler for his quarter wages at Mihelmasse	ijs.	

[Fo. 10 verso.]

For spyces bought for the weddynge. [Cost 4l. 1s. 2d.]

[Fo. 23.]

Item paid to Slade for makynge of furmys and tressulles and bedstedes at the wedynge	ijs.
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[Fo. 27.]

Rewardes at the wedynge.

Item to Mastur Fyzerhardes servant	xijd.
Item to my Lade abbasse servant	iiijd.
Item to Mr. Repyngton's servant	iiijd.
Item to Elis servant	viijd.
Item to the prior of Sandwalles [Sandwell, parish of West Bromwich, co. Stafford] servant	iiijd.
Item to Mr. Comberfordes servant	viijd.
Item to my Lorde of Dudley servant	iijs. iiijd.
Item to the bayle of Sutton's servant	xijd.

¹ Query 'sinewing', stitching with sinews.² It is uncertain whether the initial is *g* or a cancelled *s*.

Item to my Lorde Markcase [of Dorset's] servant	xijd.
Item to Wodcokkes servant	viijd.
Item to a man for bryngynge a barbyle	iiijd.
	205.

1524.—Extracts from “The bokk of Wolatton made in the xv yere of the rengn of Kyng Henre the VIIJth for accattes there, from the ixth day of *Januarii* in the yere aforesaid.” Weekly accounts.

[Fo. 2.]

Item paid for brede at the comyng of Mr. Ser John,
the ix day of *Januarii* ijd.
At my Mr. commyng the xvj day of Januarii. [Purchases
of beefs, hens, a goose, a “pyge,” wine, spices, mustard,
vinegar, eggs, and three galons of ale : total 8s. 1½d.]
At the comyng of Mr. Ser John’ to Wolatto[n], the v day of
Februarii. [Details of expenditure.]
The ij day of Aprrill at the comyng of Master Ser John W.
[Details.]
At the commyng of Mr. Ser John, the vij day of Maii.
[Details.]
[Payments for cheese, eggs and butter, in all 19½d.,
“for shep wescheynge, the xvij daye of June;” and for
shearing 26 score sheep, “wyndynge of wolle,” catching
sheep, ale, 4d., “a pye, 2d.”]

[Fo. 3.]

At my Lades comyng to Wolaton, the ix day of Julii.
[Details.]

[Fo. 4.]

At my Mr. commyng to Wollaton, the vj day of Septembir.
[Details.]
Item for egges for the fawkeners afore my Mr.
com ijd.
Item for barberis and vargis [= verjuice] makynge,
pykynge and straynyng xvjd.

[Fo. 5.]

The x day of Novembir at the comyng of my Mr. to Lenton
Feyre. [Details.]

[Fo. 6.]

Item paid for My Lades costes at Messom [Measham,
co. Derby], the xviiij day of Novembir, with xviiij
persons with her iijs. jd.
[Expenses of threshing, mowing, thatching, haymaking,
carrying coals (fo. 8. 9); ironmongery, etc. (fo. 9); tithe

to the prior of Lenton and the vicar of Radforth for Sutton Passys, payment to the parson of Wollaton and Sir Robert Jacson (fo. 10); payments "for squarynge of tymbir at Shypley Parke" [co. Derby] (fo. 11); for "mending the chappell," plastering it, etc. (fo. 11 *verso*); "paymentes for the farme of Wylloughby," being rent of tithe-hay, getting thereof, threshing barley, peas, etc. and various other payments (fo. 12, 13); costs of making hay, etc. in Halywell (fo. 14); "weythers bought at Wollatton by the schapper[d]" (fo. 15); miscellaneous charges (fo. 16, 17); payments for spices, etc. (fo. 19).]

[Fo. 17.]

Item paid, the same day [19 July], to Glossehopp for his costes to Lyncolne shyer for swanys .. ijs.
 Item paid for bryng[yn]g[e] a baken [= baked] barbyll to a servant of Mr. Fyndurnys iiijd.
 Item paid for My Lades costes at Ashebe [Ashby-de-la-Zouche, co. Leicester] wyth xvj persons wyth her for ther baytt ther iiijjs. iiijd.
 The furst day of August.
 Item for my Lades costes lying at Ashebe a nyght and for hur dyner on the morne and xvij persons wyth her xjs. vd.

[Fo. 18.]

Item paid to Mr. Mellers for xiiij galons of Mawse [= Malmsey wine], price xvs. ijd.
 Item paid, the xvj day of Novembir, for xix galons and *dim.* of Rumney [wine], price xxijs. ix*d.*

[Fo. 19.]

Item paid, the xiiij day of Novembir, for ij ponde of grett candulls iijd.
 Item for the caryage of charcolle vs. iiijd.
 Item for berynge of same ijd.
 Item for makynge of the same charcole iijs. iiijd.
 205.

1524-5.—Extracts from the account of John Lewyssay, "servaunt to Ser Henry Wyllwghby, knyght," from 25 December, 16 Henry VIII. [to 4 January, 17 Henry VIII.].

[Fo. 2.]

1524.

[January.]

Item to Ser Edward Wyllwghby, the xxvij day of *Januarii*, by my Mr. commondment, to gyffe the kynges atornay's wyfe in raywarde at hys goyng to London xls.

Item in rayward to Robert Swenfen at hys wed-
dyng, the same tyme [28 January] xijd.

[February.]

Item payd to the kyng, the ij day of *Faibruarii*,
for preste mownay xiiij^{li}. vjs. viijd.

Item in raywarde to a mynstryll of my Lorde of
Derby's, the x day of *Faibruarii* xijd.

Item in rayward to my Mr. wolantyne of Saynt
Wolantyn's day, the xiiij day of [*Faibruarii*] iiijd.

[Fo. 3.]

Marche.

Item for my Mr. raywarde to the kyrstnyng of
Robert Jelyfe chyld xxd.

[Fo. 4.]

Item in raywarde to on' of Wolsoll that browght
the cowrtt rowlse to hawe the cople for
Rycheart Hylle lande, the xxix day of Marche xijd.

[April.]

Item in raywarde to on that fonde a hare syttyng,
the same tyme. iiijd.

Item a lowde to Robert Basford that he layde
doune by my Mr. commondment for cosse at
serten tymse wen on' of Chesshyre kylde hotters
[= otters] in the rewer iijs. ijd.

Item payd for horyges [= oranges] and poundgar-
nyttes [= pomegranates] at Coventre, the same
tyme xviiijd.

[Fo. 5.]

Item in raywarde to Henry Pylkyngton, my Mr.
godson iiijd.

Item for my Mr. raywarde to the wemyn of the
toun for Houre Lades lyght iiijd.

Item in raywarde to on' that browght my Mr.
worde of redde dayre that lay by yonde Mery-
dyne [Meriden, co. Warwick] iiijd.

[Fo. 6.]

[May.]

Item to my Lady, the iij day of Maye, by my
Mr. commondment, to bye Maystrys Jane gayre xxs.

Item for my Mr. hoferyng at Clyfton weddyng,
the xiiij day of Maye iiijd.

- Item for my Mr. cosse to Coventre, the xiiij day
of Awgwste, wyth my Lorde Marques, and vij^{xx}
wyth my Mr., syttyng of the kyng commycion xlvs. vjd.
- Item in raywarde to my Lady abbas mayddes
[= the abbes of Polesworth's maids], the xviiij
day of Augwste, wen Maystrys Alyce was faychyd
home frome Polseworthe xvjd.
- Item for my Mr. cosse to Fayknam [Feckenham,
co. Worcester] Fowryste wyth my Lorde of Kyl-
lyngworth [the prior of Kenilworth] and Ser
Edwarde Fayrys [= Ferrers], the xxij day of
Augwste, and raywardes to the keepers . . . xxxiiij. vjd.

[Fo. 12.]

September.

- Item delyver'd to my Lady to by gayre for Mrs.
Jane vjs. viijd.

October.

[Fo. 13.]

- Item to Mr. Swynfayn, the xij day of October,
by my Mr. commondment for hys cosse to Lon-
don wyth hawkes to the kyng xs.
- Item payd for fwrre to fwrre my Mr. goune, the
xvj day of October, at Bremygeam, and my
cosse xs. iijd.
- Item for my Mr. raywarde to John Chepman wen
he was wedd xx^ud.
- Item to the warden of the Gray Frayrs of Lechefelde,
the xxij day of October, by my Mr. commond-
ment, wen he praychyd at the toune xs. viijd.
- Item to Lewys appe John for hys cosse into Walse
[= Wales], the xxvj day of October iij. iiijd.

Novembre.

[Fo. 15.]

- Item for my Mr. hoferyng at Wyllam Sladdes
weddyng, the xxvj day of Novembre iiij[d.]
- Item for my Mr. raywarde to Wyllam Slade wen he
was maryed ijs.

[Fo. 15.]

Decembre.

- Item for my Mr. raywarde towrde the making of
a chalys for Wollaton chyrche xx^ud.
- Item in raywarde to a servaunt of the dowke of
Swffokes that come wyth bayrs viijd.
- Item for Chyngleton cosse to Laycytwr foryste to
fayehe a doo [= doe] at my Lorde Marqwes,
lyyng forthe iij dayse xxjd.

[Fo. 16.]

Item in raywarde to the chylde baychoppe of Lechefelde, the xxviiij day of Decembre	vjs. viiij <i>d.</i>
Item in raywarde to the baychoppe servaunttes	xx <i>d.</i>
Item in raywarde to the playars of Browton [Upper Broughton, Notts.?] on Nowyer's Ewyn	ijs.
Item in rayward to a play[ar] that comme frome Lechefeld	xv <i>j d.</i>
Item in raywarde to playars that was Mr. Belt-noppe [= Belknapp's] servaunttes and Mr. Lewsys	iijs. iii <i>j d.</i>

1525.

[January.]

Item payd for ij M. pynse, the iij day of <i>Januarii</i>	xd.
Item to my Mr. to play at the cardes	xij <i>d.</i>
Item to my Mr. to play at the cardes, the iij day	xix <i>d.</i>
<i>Summa totalis</i> : clxxx <i>li.</i> vijs. <i>vd.</i>	

[Signed :] Henre Wyllughby.

205.

1526.—Extracts from household account of Sir Henry Willoughby for Middleton Hall, from 11 January, 17 Henry VIII, to [December].

[Page 1.]

January 11. Item paid for the caryage of a top-nett ¹ of fygges and nother of ressynges and ij. sugar-lovys	xviij <i>d.</i>
Item paid to Thomas Slade for the halywatter for iij. quart[ers] dew to hym at Our Lady Day of Marche	xij <i>d.</i>
Item paid at Estur for bred and wyne to Mydul-ton churche	ix <i>d.</i>
Item for oyle and creme [= chrysm]	iii <i>j d.</i>
Item for francomesence	ij <i>d.</i>
Item paid, the xv. day of Apprell, for syng brede [= shew bread] and wyne	j <i>d.</i>
Item paid, the xvij. day of Apprell, for brede and wyne at Estur to Drayton churche	v <i>j d.</i>
Item for oyle and creme	iii <i>j d.</i>
Item paid the same day to Sir William, the parische pryste of Drayton, for his service and burde [= board] for iij. wekkes	vjs. viiij <i>d.</i>

[Page 2.]

April 29. Item paid for stuffe to make ynkee (<i>sic</i>)	iii <i>j d.</i>
Item for ale for the baners in the Crosse weke	v <i>j d.</i>

¹ Cf. *tope* in Rogers, *History of Prices*, iv, p. 670.

Item to the halwattur-clarke of Mydulton at
Myssomer for his halfe yere for this and pynns xd.

[Page 3.]

August 31. Item paid the same day for makynge
of verges [= verjuice] xixd.
Item paid to Richarde Dave for xij. stryke of
cravys [= crayfish] ijs.
Item paid the iij. day of Novembur for ij. ley¹
of weke [= wick] yarne vd.
Item for spy[n]inge of a ley of weke yarne the
same day jd.

[Page 4.]

December 4, Item paid, the x. day of Decembir,
to a woman for a pere of knett slevys xjd.
[Accounts of expenditure on mowing and for other agri-
cultural purposes follow.]

[Page 19.]

For spyces bought at dyverse tymes.

Item for a loffe of sugur, weyinge viij*li.*, the xxix.
day of Apprell. iijs. ijd.
Item, paid, the vj. day of Septembre, for dyverse
spyces agenst the comynge of My Lorde Marquis
[of Dorset] ix*s.* ix*d.*

[Page 20.]

For spyces bought at Coventre, the xxij day of Novembre.

[Amount to 10*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.*, including dates, prunes, almonds,
anniseed, rice, biscuits, sugar-loaves, liquorice, white soap,
paper, as well as spices in the modern sense of that word.]

[Page 22.]

Stuffe bought [at] Lechefylde feyre, the xiiij. day of
Februarii, in the xvij. yere of the rengn of kyng Henry VIII,
[comprising red and white herrings, sprats, "viij. ellis sprewuse
[= eels from Prussia ?] v*s.* viij*d.*," salmon, oil, honey, currants,
mussels, and carriage, and "for their costes that bought the
same stuffe ii*s.*." Payments for ironmongery, gifts and rewards,
etc.].

[Page 35.]

The byll for makynge of wolen cloth from the xiiij. of Febru-
ary, in the xvij. yere of the renge of King H. the VIIIth.

¹ See *New English Dictionary*, s.v. 'Lea' sb. 4.

In primis, for spyn[yn]g of a brode whyte for blankettes	vjs. ix <i>d.</i>
Item for spyn[yn]g of xij yerdes of narow whyte	ijs. ii <i>d.</i> ob.
Item for spyn[yn]g of a weyt of lyst yarne	ii <i>d.</i>
Item for spyn[yn]g of viij. brode clothis of tawne [=tawny]	ii <i>l.</i> ixs. vii <i>d.</i>
Item for wey[v]linge of the brode whyte	iiijs.
Item for weyvynge of the yarde of narow whyte	xvii <i>d.</i>
Item for weyvynge of the viij. brode clothis of tawne	ls. vii <i>d.</i>
Item for oyle to the same clothis	xvs. vi <i>d.</i>
Item for fullyng of the brode whyte	iiijs.
Item for fullyng of the xij. yarde of narow whyte	xij <i>d.</i>
Item for fullyng of the viij. brode cloths of tawne	ls. vii <i>d.</i>
Item for madder for the same viij. clothes	vi. ijs. j <i>d.</i>
Item paid to William Dyer of Colshull for xij. dais werkynge with the dyer at coleryng of the same clothis	iiijs.
Item for ij. dyers' burd [= board] for the same xij. days	iiijs.
Item for other stoffe that there is occupied	xvd.
Item payd for spy[n]ging lynnou yarne	vjs. vd. ob.
Item for weyvynge of xx. elles of flaxen cloth	vjs. vii <i>d.</i> 205.

1526.—“The bocke of Wollaton, made the xiiij day of September, the xviiij yere of the reign of K[yn]g H[enry] the VIIIth.” Household expenses at Wollaton, on September 15, 23, 28, and October 3 and 7, 18 Henry VIII. 205

1526-7. Extracts from account of John Lewyssay, “servaunt to Sir Henry Wyllghby, knyght,” frome 6 January, 17 Henry VIII until [January —, 18 Henry VIII.].

1526.

[January.]

[Fo. 2.]

Item to Mrs. Mare Fytton, by my Mr. commondment, the viij day of <i>Januarii</i>	vjs. vii <i>d.</i>
Item in rayward to a narmytt [= a hermit] of Polseworthe	iii <i>d.</i>
Item to my Mr. to play at the cardes [22 January]	iii <i>d.</i>

[Fo. 3.]

Februarii.

Item in raywarde to my Mr. wolantyne on Sent Wolantynse day, the xiiij day of <i>Februarii</i>	iii <i>d.</i>
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[Fo. 4.]

Item to Mrs. Alyce, the same day [21 February], to gyffe in raywarde to the kyrstynge of Howgh Aweray chylde	xx <i>ti d.</i>
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[March.]

Item to Mr. Palmer servauntt for hys cosse frome London and to London, bryngyng a letter of the kynges, the ij day of Marchexiijs.	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item for Willam Notman cosse and myne to Berwyke to spayke wyth Mr. Magnws, ¹ the xxij day of Marche.. .. .	.. . . .	xxs.
Item payd to Robert Jamse wyfe and Slades wyfe for thayr cosse that wachyd wyth a presoner that was hangyd at Basset Crosse [Basset, parish of Peckleton, co. Leicester] .. .. .	.. . . .	iijs. <i>xd.</i>

[Fo. 5.]

Item to a fryre of Lechefeld that was my Mr. gostly father [on Shyre Thwrsday] .. .. .	.. . . .	xij <i>d.</i>
Item payd for caryage of a tunne of wyne frome Bewerlay, the same tyme .. .. .	.. . . .	vjs.

Apryll.

Item [in] raywarde to the yowng men of the toune that gaytherde for the chyrche .. .. .	.. . . .	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item for chaftes [= shafts, arrows] for Mr. Howgh and the chylwyrn of the chapell .. .. .	.. . . .	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item in rayward to the wemyn of the toune that gathwrde for Saynt Stewyn.. .. .	.. . . .	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item in raywarde to on' that browght worde were red dayre ley by syde Macstoke, the same day [4 April] .. .. .	.. . . .	iiij <i>d.</i>

[Fo. 6.]

Item for my Mr. raywarde to the kyrstnyng Corssor chylde, the xxvj day of Apryll .. .. .	.. . . .	xij <i>d.</i>
Item in raywarde to a frayre of Coventre that browght aqwawyte [= aqua vitæ], the same day	.. . . .	xx ^{iiij} <i>d.</i>
Item to on' of the chylder of the chapell wen he went home to hys frendes .. .. .	.. . . .	xij <i>d.</i>

[Fo. 7.]

Item payd for aqwawyte [= aqua vitæ], the xxviiij day of Apryll .. .. .	.. . . .	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item in raywarde to on' that browght horygnys [= oranges] frome Bremygeam, the same day [31 April]	ij <i>d.</i>

Maye.

Item for ale at the chyrche for my Mr., the v day of May	jd.
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¹ Dr. Thomas Magnus, founder of the grammar school at Newark-on-Trent, was treasurer of the wars in the North of England, and at this time a member of the Council of the Duke of Richmond at York. See *Dict. of National Biography*, xxxv, p. 324.

Item for my Mr. raywarde to a nalle [= an ale, feast] at Leye [Lea Marston, co. Warwick] ..	viijd.
Item for my Mr. rayward to the chyrcheale at Aston, the xxvj day of May	xxd.

[Fo. 8.]

Item payd for vj yerdes of cayndoll [= Kendal cloth] for a cottclothe [= cloth for a coat] for Mr. Cattesby, the xxix day of May .. .	iijs. viijd.
Item in raywarde to the huntte [= huntsman] wen he brake hys bowe.. . . .	viijd.
Item for a pwrswyant [= pursuivant] cosse lyyng at Awerayre's (<i>sic</i>)	vjd.

[June.]

Item payd for a halfe a yerd of blake clowthe for bandes for the gentwlwemyn cyrtwiles .. .	vjd.
Item for my cosse to Sothewell [Southwell, co. Notts], the xj day of June, to cary Mr. Catesby to the skowle	xxd. iiijd.
Item for chowyng [= shoeing] of horsus .. .	iiijs. iiijd.
Item paid to the skowle Mr. for skowle hyre ..	iiijs.
Item in raywarde to Rawfe Heberd and Lowkyd, My Lord of Derby's mynstryll', the xiiij day of June	iijs. iiijd.
Item for my Mr. hoferyng at Mr. Arthen's beryall	iiijd.
Item payd to Nycoles Cothett for makyng of a song bowke for the chapell	iiijs. viijd.
Item for a premer for Mr. Draycott	iiijd.

[Fo. 9.]

Item for bred and ale and wyne and kecheyn and horsemett at Merydyne, the xxiiij day of June, xx horse wyth my Mr. to London	viijs. vd.
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[Fo. 10.]

Item payd for a pott for my Mr. chamber.. . .	xiijd.
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July.

[Fo. 11.]

Item payd to Rowfe Dyall in fwl payment that he layd doune for my Mr. cloke the v day of July	viijs.
Item for a pener [= pen-case] and a nynghorne [= an inkhorn] for Mr. Hough [Hugh Wiloughby]	iiijd.
Item for ale at the Tempwll	ijd.
Item for a skotwll to cary a garnysshe [= set] of wessell	iiijd.

[Fo. 12.]

Item for ij sylver baygse [= badges]	ijd.
Item for a nynglysshe [= English] bowke	viijd.
Item for howse rowme for on' fortnytt	xxxs.

[Fo. 13.]

Item in raywarde to My Lorde Cardnoll porter..	xijd.
Item to Mr. Pryncypowll of Stapull In for ray- ment for Mr. Howgh [= Hugh] and for his bowrde	xs.
Item to Mr. Pryncypoll in rayward for hys payne	vjs. viijd.
Item to Mr. Howgh to pwtt in hys pwirse	xijd.

[Fo. 14.]

Item for cosse at Elsebayry [= Aylesbury, co. Bucks.], the xx day of July	vjs. xjd.
Item for my Mr. browtherhed at yowre (<i>sic</i>) Lady yeld at Alsebwry [= Aylesbury], the same day	vjs. viijd.

Auguste.

Item for my Mr. hoferyng to Owre Lady of Wyssyter [=Worcester] and Sent Kaylams [=St. Kenelm's, Winchcombe]	viijd.
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[Fo. 15.]

Item for my Mr. browtherhed to Sent Thomas of Contwrbayry, the iiij day of Awgwste	viijd.
Item in rayward to Chamberlayne and Laselse of Notyngame for bryngyng of ij chylder for the chapell, the v of Augwste	xs.
Item in rayward to a notter [= an otter] hunter, the xix day of August	xxd.
Item to Ser Wyllam that he layd doune for iiij payre of chowse [= shoes] for iiij of the chylder of the chapell	xxiijd.
Item in rayward to the ancrez [= female anchorite] at Polseworth, the same [day, 27 August] ..	viijd.
Item payd for iiij premers for the chyldern of the chapell	x d.

Septembre.

[Fo. 16.]

Item for Thomas Cokes cosse to Mr. Cowttes for hayransus [= heronsews, young herons], the iiij day of September	iiijd.
Item payd for paysa a gaynste my Lorde Marqwes [of Dorset] comyng	xxd.
Item to Towlle, the ix day of Septembre, by my Mr. commondment wen he went of paylgramage to the sweyt rowde [= rood] of Garadyne [Garen- don, co. Leicester]	xijd.

Item in raywardes to my Lady of Polseworthe hofeserse, the x day of September, lyyng ther on nyght, wen my Mr. went to my Lorde Marqwes	ijs.	iiijd.
Item in rayward to my Lorde Marqwes horse-keepers, the xij day of September		xx th d.
Item in rayward to Mr. Gray servaunt for bryng- yng of a praysand to Wollatun, the same day		iiijd.
Item for my Mr. hoferyng to Sent Annys [at Bux- ton, co. Derby] sent by Clyfton.		iiijd.
Item for my Mr. hoferyng at the rowde of Notyngam, the xxv day of September		iiijd.
Item in almys there, the same day		iiijd.
Item for ij yerdes of fwstyn for a dowblett for Mr. Catysbe, the same day		xvj ^d .
Item for a payre of hawseclothe [=horsecloths] for Mr. Catysbe		xxd.
Item for a payre of hawseclothe for Mrs. Alyse and Mrs. Jane, the same day		xvj ^d .
Item for my Mr. brotherhed of Owre Lady of the chapell of the Sey the last day of Sep- [tembre]		iiijd.
Item for my Mr. rayward to the Frayrse at Notyngam, the laste day of September, wen they made a nale [=an ale, feast]	viijs.	viijd.
Item for my Mr. cosse ther, the same day.		xxij ^d .

[Fo. 17.]

October.

Item payd for Mr. Catysbe bord for xv wekes and skowlyhre and making of gayre, the fyrst day	xxs.	
Item for iiij yelse [=ells] of clothe for Mrs. Jane for smowkes [=smocks], the ij day of October	ijs.	viijd.
Item to the blynd woman at Wolloton, the v day of October, to by her a paytycott	ijs.	viijd.
Item to Roger Layche, the swrgeon, the same day		xxd.
Item in rayward to Robert Bertwll to hys maryage, the vij day of October		xxd.
Item payd for iij payre of chowse [=shoes] for the chylder of the chappyll, the ix day of October		xviijd.
Item payd for bowkes and comse [=combs] for the chyldwrne of the chappell		ixd.
Item a lowd to Ser Wyllam for swgar to make conserwys, the x day of Octobre		xijd.
Item payd lynyngse and carsay and fwstyon for Mr. Draycott and Mrs. Alice and the chylder of the chapell, the xiiij day of October, and cosse	xiiijs.	
Item in rayward to Mr. Worthe sone goyng to Londun, the same tyme	ijs.	iiijd.
Item to Germon to hys weddyng, the same [tyme]		xijd.

Item payd for iij yelse [= ells] of clothe for Mrs. Alice and Mrs. Jane for raylse ¹	iijs.	xd.
Item payd for halfe a dosen cappsc for the chylder of the chapell, the xx day	vjs.	
Item for vj payre of chowse for the chylder of the chapell, the same day	iijs.	vijd.

[Fo. 18.]

Item in rayward to My Lord Hastyngse mynstryll, the xxj day of October		xx ^{td} .
Item payd for a yerd of fresse to mend on' of the chyldwrne cottes of the chapell		vjd.

[November.]

Item for my cosse and John' Hawward to Lenton Fayre wyth iij horsus, lyng ther on' sennytt	iijs.	iiijd.
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[Fo. 19.]

Item in rayward to a pore man of Aston that made a nale [= an ale, feast], the xij day of November		xx ^{td} .
Item in rayward to a servaunt of my Lorde of Exiter's for bryngyng of a praysand, the xvij day of [November].. .. .		xx ^{td} .

December.

Item payd for the carter cosse to Bremygeam to fayche a lode of wyne, the vj day of December		xijd.
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[Fo. 20.]

Item in rayward to ij men that gaytherd for Fayslay [Fazeley, co. Stafford] Brege, the xxvj day of December		iiijd.
Item in rayward to the chyld becheopp of Leche- feld and to hys ofeserse, the xxviiij day of December	ixs.	iiijd.
Item in rayward to a play of Cheschyre, the same day	vjs.	vijd.
Item in rayward to a play that come frome My Lord John Gray	ijs.	
Item in rayward to ij men that gayther'd for Owre Lady Brege at Tomworth, the xxix day of December		iiijd.

[Fo. 21.]

Item to ij men that gaytherd for Bowbrege ..		iiijd.
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¹ Neck-coverings. See *New English Dictionary*, s.v. 'rail, sb 1.'

1527.

[January.]

Item in raywardes to chylder on Newyarse Day
 that brougth praysanse iijs.
 Item in rayward to a play ijs.
 Item in rayward to on^r that brougth a praysand
 frome Wyllam Gaybonse viijd.
Summa totalis hujus libri : cxlixli. ixs. viijd. ob.

205.

1527.—Extracts from Household Accounts for Middleton,
 18 Henry VIII.

“The bocke for nassaris for the husholde [at Mydulton Hall],
 begyninge the furste day of *Februarii*, in the xvij yere of the
 reinge of K[ynge] Henre the VIIJth.”

[Page 1.]

April 12.

Item paid the same tyme to Key's wyffe for a
 weke makyng candulles iiijd.
 Item paid, the xiiij. day of Aprell, for a peyre of
 schowne [= shoes] for Lytyll John of the kechyn vjd.
 Item for a pere of hossen for hym vjd.
 Item for a cape for hym the same day xd.

[Page 42.]

For stuffe bought at Lechefylde feyre, [consisting of fish,
 honey, oil, figs, sugar-loaves, “a skemur” [=scummer], “vj.li.
 of lymans conserva vs.”]

[Page 46. Charges for spinning linen.]

[Page 49.—Charges for making wax.] 205.

1541.—“Thys booke made the xxixth day of Aprell, in
 the xxxiiijth yere off the reyne off Our Sovereyn Lord Kyng
 Henry the VIIJth for wedyng off corne, mowyng of gresse,
 makyng off hey, sheyryng off corne, and mowyng off corne,
 leydyng corne, workyng at Halywell, thresshyng off corne,
 and for all other thynges perteynyng therunto.” 205.

1542-3.—Account of expenditure on “fresshe accates”
 from 28 February, 33 Henry VIII, to 12 March, [34 Henry
 VIII], amounting to 94*l.* 19*s.* 8½*d.*, including 22*l.* 14*s.* 1*d.*
 for ling, cod, stockfish, “a fyrkyn of oyle, viijs. viijd.,” and
 six mattes, bought at Sturbryge Fair, carriage thereof from
 the fair to Wolaton by Myghell of Cossall, 15*s.*, and costs of
 Ysebrand Barnaby and Thomas Hyde at the fair, 12*s.* 9*d.*,
 and 11*l.* 8*s.* 8*d.* for purchases at Boston, consisting of six
 barrels of white herrings, eight “cades” of red herring, a
 barrel of pitch, 9*s.*, half a hundred of “alygraunte¹ faus (?)”
 7*s.* 6*d.*, “a topytte off fygges derte,” 5*s.*, boat-hire from Boston

¹ Cf. *New English Dictionary*, s.v. ‘Elegante, 1,’ a dried fruit.

to Brygend,¹ carriage from Brygend to Grantam, 7s. 4d., and from Grantam to Wolaton, 20s., and the costs of Ysebrand Barnaby and Thomas Hyde "at the same jorney, goyng and comyng," 15s. 10d. Signed in a very shaky hand: "John' Willughby." [In bad condition from damp.] 205.

1542-3. Extracts from account by John Trussell of "the expences and charges layed downe by him in my maister's rydyng forthe and otherwayes in rewardes sythe [= since] the last haudet [= audit] that was on the iiijth day of Merche," 33 Henry VIII [to 25 February, 1543].

[Fo. 1.]

1542.

"In primis, the xxiiijth day of Merche, for your servanttes deyner at the essayes [= assize] in Nottynggam :

For M[ais]ter Gabriell and his servant	vjd.
Item for M[ais]ter Mermeon	iiijd.
Item for James Thurland	iijd.
Item for Henry Pylkyngton	iijd.
Item for Thomas Brasbryge	iijd.
Item for John Lyvsay	iijd.
Item for Olyver Holand	iijd.
Item for Thomas Boude	iijd.
Item for Merloue	iijd.
Item for Chamberlayn	iijd.
Item for John Pool	iijd.
Item for Brounell	iijd.
Item for John Trussell	iiijd.
Item for Urban Hall and his horssys	vd.
Item for Blewe	iijd.
Item to Robert Cookes wyffe for alle [= ale] to your selph	ijd.

In expences at Not[tynggam] at the xvijth day of Aperyell, at the quarter sessyons. [Details of expenditure with fourteen servants.]

In expences at your goyng to Medylton, the xvijth day of Aperiell; fyrst for your dener at Ashby. [Details.]

[Fo. 2.]

The month of Mey.

In primis, the fyrst day of Mey, to a pore man of Stapilforthe [Stapleford, co. Notts] at the churche dore jd.

Item the xvijth day of May, at the dyrige for my Maister's father to iiij prestes xvjd.

¹ The Brigge mentioned in connexion with Ropsley, near Grantham, co. Lincoln, as the termination of water carriage (by the River Glen?) from Lynn in *Rutland MSS.*, iv, p. 481,

At Staunton [Staunton Harold, co. Leicester] and Ascheby [Ashby-de-la-Zouch, co. Leicester,] the xix.

Item to a gentilwoman that kepte the chambers xijd.

[Payments to butler, cook, park-keeper, horse-keeper, the keeper's man at the park gate.]

Item for viij of your servantes and your howndes
[*struck out*] at Ascheby, ther dryncke over nyght
and ther breefast in the mornyng ijs.

Your howndes vij*d.*

[Charges for horse-shoeing and repairing saddlery.]

[Fo. 5.]

Reywardes for presantes at Medilton and in almes.

Item, the same day [8 July], to Mr. Swynfyn's man
for grouse iii*ij**d.*

Item to Mr. Lyle's man for brynging a capon and
a pecoke iii*ij**d.*

The moneth of August, at Wollaton.

Item, the xth day of August, for Thomas Bertlet and
myselph goyng to Medilton to se the bedyng for
my Lorde Merquis [of Dorset] set forth in chaum-
bers where thei wold apoynte them : in expences
ther xv*ij**d.*

[Fo. 6.]

[Account of wheat and corn consumed "at Medylton
when my Mr. lay ther."]

The cater's bill, the vijth day of July, at Medilton.
[Details. Other accounts for 14, 22 and 27 July.]

[Fo. 8.]

The month of September.

Item, the xxvijth day of September, to a servant
of Basfordes of Not[tynggam] for bryngyng of
the copie of a proclamation from my Lord of
Norfocke, for his peyns i*ij**d.*

[Fo. 9.]

The moneth of October.

Item, the second day of October, for your men that
whent wyth you to the sessyons at Notyngam.
[Expenditure of 1*d.* each on thirteen servants
and 3*d.* for the horses.]

The moneth of November.

At Notynggam, the xxth day, for your company
that whent wyth you to the New Sessyons. [Ten
servants 1*d.* each, and the horses.]

Item, the same day, to Cochet wyffe, for ale that
she sent into the haule to my maister, in reward iii*ij**d.*

Item, the xxijth day of November, to too pore men as you come from the churche, one of them was of Bulwell [Notts] and th'other beyng lame .. *ijd.*

[Fo. 10.]

1543.

The moneth of January.

Item, the viijth day of January, for your servantes that whent with you to the quarter sessions, for them that dyd drynck at Robert Cooke's howsse, as you commandyd them to doo *xiiijd.*

Reywardes and almys.

Item, the same day of the sessions, to the sergeaunts of Nottyngham in reywarde at your goyng to horsse *xijd.*

Item, the xv day of January, to a woman of Lycetershyre that whent wyth a testimonyall for burnyng of hyr howsse *iiijd.*

Item, the xvijth day of January, in reyward to Richard Yerton [= Ireton], servaunt to M[ais]ter Wynfilde *vs*

Item, the xxvth day of *Januarii*, to a clarcke goyng for orders cauled John' Gleyden in almes .. *iiijd.*

[Fo. 11.]

The moneth of Feybruari.

To one of the blacke garde cauled Perris, the iiijth day of *Feybruarii*, in reyward *viijd.*

Item, the xijth day of *Feybruarii*, to William Tomson that dothe laye for to kyll rattes and myesse in your howsse at Wollaton *iijs. iiijd.*

Also, the xixth day of Feybruary, for your expences of your servantes in ther drynckeyng at Notynggam at the sessyons ther holdyn [nine servantes *ld.* each].

Item, the same day, to a pore man as you come from thence without the Chapell Bar [at Nottingham] *jd.*

Item, the xxvth of *Feybruarii*, to one of the kynges pursyvaunttes cauled Adam Gayesquyen [= Gascoigne] in reyward *iijs. iiijd. 205.*

1542-3.—Extracts from “The boke of necessaryes for the howsehold, begynnynge the iiijth day of Merche, in the xxxiiijth yere of the reign of our soveraign Lorde Kyng Henre the VIIJth,” [to 10 March, 34 Henry VIII]. Agricultural charges include “mowyng of brakyn” and “sheryng and moyng of corne.”

1542.

[Fo. 4 verso.]

Item at Gosefeyr [= Goose Fair] at Not[yngham]
for ij payre of treyses [entered before "the last
day of Septembre"] viijd.
Item paid for xliij leyes of candyll weyke at iij*d.* the
leye, bought at Faresley Feyr xs. viij*d.* (*sic*).

[Fo. 6.]

1543.

The viijth day of Januari.

Item payd to the parysshe clerke for his yeres wages xv*d.*

[Fo. 8 verso.]

Pytche and terre bought by Robert Averei at Mawnsfelde
Feyre, as folowyth. [Details.]

[Fo. 12.]

1542.

The vijth day of Octobre for rolling of pease and worch-
ynge [= working] in the garden. [Details.]

[Fo. 17.]

*The boke of wages by the yere for servyng men, hyndes and
other as folowyth :*

Fyrst, payd to gentylnen, yomen and offycers
theyre *dim.* [= half] yeres wages dewe at the
feaste of Saynt John, Baptyste laste, as more
pleynly dothe appere by a byll of particular
sommen therof maide xxxvj*li.* xv*s.*

[Fo. 18.]

*Certen clothes for lyvereys bought at sondrye tymes
for my Mr. servauntes as foloweth :* [one piece of
25 yards at 4*s.* a yard ; another of 24½ yards
at 3*s.* 10*d.* ; a third of 25½ yards at 3*s.* 8*d.* ;
a fourth of 24 yards at 3*s.* 6*d.* ; a fifth of 26
yards at 3*s.* 6*d.* ; a sixth of 24 yards at 3*s.* 6*d.* ;
a seventh of 26 yards at 3*s.* 5*d.* ; an eighth of
25½ yards at 3*s.* 4*d.*]

Item payd to Mr. Smythe of Derby for iiij dosyns
of clothe for the hyndes [= agricultural labourers]
at ijs. iiij*d.* the yarde : the price vi*li.* xi*s.*

Item payd to Wylliam Day of Derby, clothyer,
the last day of November, one pece of clothe,
conteynyng xxv^{te} yardes at ijs. x*d.* the yarde
iiij*li.* xs. viij*d.* (*sic*)

Summa totalis : xlvi*li.* ijs. x*d.*

[Fo. 19.]

The receytes for slaughter, hydes and skynnes to the use of my Mr. as folowith : [Details.]

[Fo. 21.]

Stuff receyvd of Christopher Stockes of Not[yngham], iremonger, from the [blank] day of [blank], in the xxxiiijth yere of oure sovereign Lorde Kynge Henre the VII.^Ith, as foloweth : [No details given].

[Fo. 23.]

Certen wedders to fede bought at sondrye tymes, as followith : [Details.]

The fyrste day of June, hogges [= sheep] bought at Adylton Fayre in the northe, as foloweth : [Details of 180 "hogges" bought.]

Item payd for passage of the sayd hogges at Roderam [Rotheram, co. York], comynge whomwarde¹
 Item payd in rewardes to the pynders helpynge to kepe the sayd hogges from the corne as they drove thorowe the feldes¹

[Fo. 23 verso.]

Certen beyffes, bothe oxen and kyne, bought by Robert Averey, as foloweth : [Details, including purchases of beasts at "Newark Fayer at the Invention of the Holye Crosse," and at "Byrmyiam [Birmingham] Fayer, on the Ascencion Day laste," and (fo. 24) "at Chesterfeld Feyre laste."]

Summa² : cccxxvli. xiiij. s. vjd.

[Fo. 24 verso.]

[Weekly accounts of consumption of corn.]

205.

1547, September 29, to 1548, Sept. 29. "Chargez of the howsholde for on' yere, whych ys from Mychellmas, in the fyrst yere of Edvarde the Syxt, unto Mycheimas, in the secunde yere of Kynge Edvard the Syxt, and spent as here after foloyth :

Fyrst of wheat xxvj quarterz and a peck.

Item of mastlen

[= mixed corn] .. xxxv quarterz.

¹ The margin containing the figures has been torn away.

² Of the whole account in the book.

Item of malt v^{xx} xiiij quarterz and v strykk.
 Item of bevys [= beeves] xxxij.
 Of muttonz vj^{xx}xj.
 The chargez of the howsholde as of frescates
 [= fresh acates, or purchases] of beyfes, mut-
 tonz, bread and drynk, as apperythe rated by
 thys book for thys yere ys viij^{xx} and vij*li*.
 Butter receyved from the dayre [during the
 time specified above] to the some of . . . xxxviij*s*. ij*d*.
 Chesez receyved from the dayre [for the same
 time] to the some of fourtene skowre and fyve
 chesez, valued to the somme xlviiij*s*. v*d*.
 Item receyved from the day howse [during the
 aforesaid time]:
 Fyrst of porkettes . . xv, valued to the some of xl*vs*.
 Item of pygges x, valued to the some of ii*s*. iii*d*.
 Item of lard swyne . . v, valued to the some of
 xxxiiij*s*. iii*d*.
 Item of calves viij, valued to the some of xv*js*.”

The book gives minute tabular accounts day by day of the receipt and consumption of articles of food. Notes are given at the foot of the pages of the numbers of workmen who were, apparently, fed, and of the following :

[1547.]

October 16. “Thys day my master rode towrdes London”
(cancelled).

October 21. “Thys day camme the Lorde Thomas Grey
 and hys servandes.”

November 4. “Thys day came to dener Mayster Rygley
 and hys bedfeylow.”

November 9. “Thys day were vj. caregez [as boon-works].”

November 26. “Thys day where married the wedoe.”

November 27. “Thys day where at breykfast Warde and
 hys companye.”

November 28. “Thys day where iiiij. carages of kyddes”
 [= faggots].

December 9. “Thys day came Mr. Wyngfyld, hes wyff,
 and ther iij. servanddes.”

December 13. “Thys day came my mayster from Lon-
 don.”

December 25. “Thys day, beyng Chrystynmas day, my
 mayster feastyd all the tenantes.”

[1548.]

January 1.—“Thys day, beyng Ncwe yerez day, my
 mavster had many strangerz.”

January 3. “Thys day dyed my Lade.”¹

¹ Anne, daughter of Thomas Grey, Marquis of Dorset, wife of Henry Willoughby, esquire. In the monument in Wollaton church to her and her husband the date of her death is given as 1546, that is 1547 New Style (Thoroton, *Antiquities of Notts.*, p. 226).

January 3. "Thys day cam my Lord Marqueux,¹ my Lord Thomas Grey, and my Lord John, and Mr. Tresoror and hys servandes."

January 4. "Thys day cam Mr. Dygby and hes servandes."

January 5. "Thys day cam a docter and hys man."

January 7. "Thy day cam Mr. Aston and hys ij. servandes."

January 8. "Thys day rode my mayster towards Brodgate."²

January 11. "Thys day cam maystres Dreycott and hyr servantes."

January 16. "Thys day cam the Lord John Grey and my mayster and ther servandes from Brodgate."

February 2. "Thys day rode my mayster, Mr. Wyngfyld, hys bedfeylow, and ther servandes towards Brodgate."

March 4. "Thys day cam Mr. Pynnock mayster."

March 6. "Thys day rode away Mr. Wyngfyld, Mr. Neyll, and ther servandes."

March 19. "Thys day came the Lorde Thomas Grey and hes servantt."

March 22. "Thys day rode away the Lorde Thomas Grey and my mayster to Brodgate."

April 9. "Thys weyck came from Wolarton iij. careges with vj. workmen."

April 16. "Thys day came Mr. Burdyt and hys iij. servandes."

April 19. "Thys day rode my mayster towrdes London."

May 16. "Thys day came my mayster from London."

May 23. "Thys day cam Sir Marmaduck Constable, Mr. Burdet, Mr. Horton, and ther servandes."

May 28. "Thys day came Londone[r]z with other strangerz."

June 1. "Thys day rode away the Londonerz with other strangerz."

June 6. "Thys day cam iiij. of the Frogmortonz [Throgmortons] and ther servandes."

June 21. "Thys day came the Lorde Thomas Grey and hes servandes."

June 26. "Thys day rode away the Lorde Thomas Grey and my mayster to Brodegate."

July 28. "Thys day where the prechying at the Hall."

August 1. "Thys day rode my mayster towrdes Brodgate."

August 14. "Thys day came my mayster howme."

August 18. "Thys day came the Lorde Thomas Grey and hys servant."

August 21. "Thys day came the Lorde Marquez with other gentilmen and ther servandes."

¹ Henry, Marquis of Dorset, brother of Anne, wife of Henry Willoughby.

² Bradgate Park, co. Leicester, the seat of the Marquis of Dorset.

August 24. "Thys day rode away the Lorde Marques with other gentilmen and ther servandes."

September 10. "Thys day came Mr. Gryffen and hys servandes."

September 12. "Thys day where maryed Darbye."

September 23. "Thys weycke where at the Hall Mr. Marmyon, Mr. Barwyck, Trussell,¹ Mr. Dreycott, Brownell, with other."

September 25. "Thys wycke where at the Hall vij. of the hyndes of Wolarton." 205.

1549-50.—"The charges of the ynnynge of the corne and hey, with all other charges of the howswold at Wollaton, layde forth by John Trussell, the tenth day of August, beyng the fyrst in the thyrde yere of Edwarde the Syxte [and endynge the iiijth yere abowte the Annunciacion of Our Ladye]."

The words in brackets are added in the same hand as the following note:—"Nota, my brother Willoughbye deceassed xxvij^o Augusti, E. VI. 3," referring to the death of Henry Willoughby, who was slain by Kett's rebels. The handwriting appears to be that of George Medley, esquire, of Tiltey, co. Essex, executor of the will of Henry Willoughby. At page 6 there is written in the same hand:—"Nota, that in the myddest off this weake, viz. xxvij^o Augusti, was my brother Willoughbye slayne at Norwyche." 205.

1549-1556.—"A brief declaracion of the severall accomptes and reconynges as well of George Medley, esquyer, and Gabriell Barwike and John Hall, gentyllmen, executors of Henrye Willughbie, esquyer, deceassed, as of all baylyffes and other ministres of all and everye suche revenuez, goodes, cattall and other proffyttes that are appoynted towards the performauce of the last will and testament of the saied Henry Willughbie, for vij hole yeres, ended the xvijth daye of Marche, *annis regnorum regis et regine Philippi et Marie ij^{do} et ij^{cio}*." Summaries of accounts of all sorts. At fo. 63 verso is an inventory of household furniture and agricultural implements at Myddleton and Wullerton, with notes that certain items had been sent to Brodgate.

[Fo. 66 verso.]

"Thall [= the hall], the dyning chamber, the inner chamber, the little chamber, the great and inner parlors, the mote chamber, and parcell of the kynges chamber are seled with waynescote and oke at Middleton," followed by list of "selynge, waynskote, and stoore" at Myddleton and Wullerton, comprising "peces of waynescote," "sealynge

¹ John Trussell, a servant of Henry Willoughby, who renders account in this book of the personal expenses of his master, travelling expenses, etc.

bourdes," "enterteisis,"¹ "standerds," "planckes," "bedd-pillars turned," "bourdes of dyvers sortes," "bedd-sides," "Flaunders tile," "rent [=riven] bourdes," "tubbe staves," "leade," "panes of glasse for wyndowes," "cacementes." Next are inventories of "chappell stuff," "th'armorur," "necessariis for houshold" (including one screen, one virginal, one clock). At fo. 69 *verso* is "A note of all the geldynges belongyng to Mr. Henry Willoughbie at the day of his death," giving names and particulars of twenty five horses and one mule at Myddleton and of twenty horses, mares, colts and fillies at Wullerton. 205.

1549 to 1562.—Extracts from account of George Medley of legal and other expenses as guardian of the children of Henry Willoughby, esquire.

"Ryding charges and other expences in London during the tyme of myne abode in London abought the causes of my brother Willoughbys wyll, *in anno tercio Edwardi Sexti* [1549-50]."

[Page 17.]

1553.

Hilary term, 7 Edward VI. and 1 Mary, "Nota, this term I hadd much busynez with Sir Hughe Wylloughbye,² as well for the arreragez of an annuytye going out of his landes liable to my brother Wylloughbys wyll, as also to goe thoroughe with hym for all other matters in variaunce betwene us, wherunto he promysed before my Lorde of Suffolke he woolde shewe hymself confyrable. . . ."

"Item, for my costes and chargez from Tyltey to Wollatton and henc home agayne, rydyng theyther to dystrayne Sir Huighe Wylloughbys tenautes for the annuytye going owt of his landes, and for to take order with the tannere of Nottingham, whoe denied the payment of the barke money in Aspley woode [Aspley, in New Radford, Nottingham], and for the tyllage of the pasturez and demeanes of Wollatton and Sutton Passus, according to the estatute, *anno vj^o E. Sexti*, and to appoynt with Lewes the plomer for his commyng to Wollatton for the soughe³ there, *iiijli. xjs. iiijd.*"

[Page 18.]

Easter and Trinity terms, in the same year: ". . . .
In rewarde to the counsell larned for their advyse uppon Sir Huighe Wylloughbies demaunde, when hee offered to sell his landes to th^e use of my nepveu Frauncis Willoughbye

¹ Horizontal pieces of wood connecting vertical pieces (here, apparently, part of the wainscoting or ceiling). See *New English Dictionary*, *s.v.* 'Interdice,' where the earliest quotation is 1617.

² The Arctic explorer, half brother of Sir John Willoughby, the grandfather of Medley's wards.

³ A 'sough' or drain, a word still in use locally.

better cheape then to any other, xxxiijs. iiij*d.*
 Item, for my ryding chargez to and froe Tyltey to London at
 too severall tymeze, with horsemeate, xxvjs. viij*d.* These
 twoe termez I was occasioned to ryde to London for Sir Huighe
 Wylloughbye, whoe before his departing into Moscovia made
 request to my Lorde of Suffolke to take somme order with
 me and John Hall for the purchasse of his landes, which
 after he solde ymmedyately to Mr. Whalley.

Memorandum also that Sir Huighe Wylloughbye these twoe
 termez made grete sute and labor by meanez of his frendes
 to dissolve the injuncion which was served uppon hym in
 Trinitie terme *E. Sexti* vj^{o.}, for the withstanding wherof I
 was dryven to geve greate attendaunce at my Lorde
 Chauncellour's at dyvers tymeze these twoe termez."

[Page 19.]

Michaelmas term, in the same year. "For my costes to
 London this terme to attende my Lorde of Suffolke for the
 redempcion of the wardship of my nepveu Thomas Wyllough-
 bye, Mr. Marmyon and John Hall being made privye therto,
 xjs. viij*d.*; for my abode at London xiiij. dayes, lvjs.; and
 for my costes of retorne to Tyltey, xijs.; for horssemete liijs.
 iiij*d.*, viz. lytter and haye and provender; and for shoing my
 horsez, ryding to and froe, ijs.: vj*li.* xv*s.* Item,
 payde to my Lorde of Suffolke in partie payment of a *M.li.*
 for the redempcion of the wardship and mariage of my sayd
 cosyn, which Sir Foulke Grevyll wolde elles have bought
 of my sayd Lord, cxxvi*li.*"

[Page 21.]

"To the clarke of the signett for the chargez of wryting
 and the seale of lycence for my coosyn Thomas Wylloughbye
 to goe over the seaze to the universitie of Parys to studie,
Marie R. primo, vjs. viij*d.*"

[Page 23.]

Hilary term, 2 Mary: "This terme I hadde to doe with
 Gromewell and with Mr. George Wylloughbye, who demaunded
 all the evidences of the Castell in Holbourne, which is intayled
 by the last wyll of my brother Wylloughbye."

[Page 37.]

Trinity and Easter terms, 4 and 5 Philip and Mary:
 "Item, for horssemeate all nyght in London at the Crowne,
 with the meate of twoe horsez in the Mynnyrys, vijs. ij*d.*"

[Page 41.]

"For too socketes of brasse made by the advyce of Lewys
 the plomer for the pumping of the water owte of the pyttes
 at Wollatton, xlvs."

[Page 46.]

1559.

Anno primo E[lizabethe] Regine.

“To my nepveu Thomas Wylloughbye, vij^o *Aprilis*, toward his better furnyture of his mynoritie, by th’ appoyntment of his father’s executowrs, xiiij^{li}. vjs. viiij^d. Item, more to hym in full payment of xxvj^{li}. xiijs. iiiij^d. for one quarter due to hym by the sayd executours’ appoyntment payd to th’ handes of William Rypington, 3^o *Junii*, xiiij^{li} vjs. viiij^d. . . . Item, to Phyllyp, my servaunt, for his chargez ryding to Horsseley to the corte with Henry Medley, signifying to my Lord John that my nepveu Thomas Wylloughbye was departed, and for Frauncis wardship, xiijs. xd.” 205.

1550–1558.—Account of George Medley, guardian of Francis and Margaret Willoughby, of expenditure for their board, clothing, education, etc. This account is endorsed “Mr. Medeleis account.” It is written in a beautifully regular court hand, quite different from the writing of the notes to the preceding account.

1550.

Memorandum that my nepveu Fraunces Wylloughbye and my nece Margaret Willoughby, his syster, came to Tyltey, the xxjth of Apryll, *anno regni regis Edwardi Sexti quarto*, in the after none, and with theym came these persons folowing :

Mystris Lenton	}	Theyse remayned at Tyltey the sayd xxj th daye and the xxij th daye after, and upon the xxiiij th daye after brekefaste they departed.
Elizabeth Helham		
Thomas Eton		
John Hall		
Barthus. Wydowson		
Yonge Style		
Henley		
Varneham		
Mathewe Hynde		
John Leicester		
Merycoxe		
Eton’s man		

They brought with theym xiiij. geldinges, which remayned at Tyltey and were kept in the house that space.

Item Bridge the caryer came at that tyme with their stuffe with fyve horssez and twoe other men with theym, and remayned with their horssez at Tyltey the fyrst nyght.

[Page 2.]

For my nece, April 26.

Item for syxe elles of lynnyn cloth at xvjd. the ell, viijs. ; for an ounce of blacke counterfet Spaynysshe sylke, xviiij^d. ix. s. vjd.

Item for an ounce of blake Venyce Spaynyshe
 sylke ijs. *iiijd.*
 Item for ii. payre of shoez for Fraunces *viijd.*
 For a boke for the churche service for my neece,
iiijs. ; for a quyre of paper for her, *iijd.* *iiijs.* *iijd.*
 Item for sope to washe their lynnens *iijs.* *iiijd.*
 Item payde to Bridge, the caryer of Lester, for
 caryng to Tyltey of the chyldern's bedd, at the
 second tyme, which bedd at the fyrst cariage was
 lefte behynde at Brodegate *xs.*
 Item, *xix^o Junii*, for a payre of bellows for
 their chamber, *vjd.* ; for almondes *dim.* a pounce
 of theym, *iijd.* ; for a quyre of paper for them,
iijd. *xijd.*

July 12.

For a byble for my neece Margaret *xijs.* ; for
 three yarde of blacke russell for a kyrtell for her
 at *ijs.* the yearde, *vjs.* ; for too yeardes of blacke
 cotton for lynyng, *xvjd.* ; for one ounce of lace,
 halfe rounde and halfe flate, *xvjd.* ; for bone lace
 for her necke, *xd.* ; for blackerybond for gyrdells for
 her, *vjd.* ; for an ell of fyne holland to worke
 in, *ijs.* *vjd.* ; for a thousand of pynnez, *viijd.* ; for
 a hundred of nedelles, *viijd.* *xxvs.* *xd.*

[Page 3.]

For my nephew Fraunces for a payre of knytte
 hosen, *xijd.* ; for twoe yeardes of whyght fustyan
 to make sloppes, *xxijd.* ; for a pounce of sugere
 plate and greate comfettes to make hym larne
 his booke, *xxd.* ; for twoe absez [ABC's] *jd.* *iiijs.* *vijd.*
 For halfe a pounce of counters for my nece,
 conteynyng in number *xlⁱⁱ*, to learne to caste
 with all *viijd.*

July 26.

For F[rances] W[illoughby].

Payde to the taylor of Walden for bockeram
 for a fustyan dublett, *vjd.* ; for making a fustyan
 dublett and a payre of sloppes, *vjd.* ; for three
 naylez of fustyan for the same, *ijd.* *xiiijd.*
 Item for making a gowne, *ijs.* ; for a quarter
 of russell¹ for the same, *vd.* ; for fustyan for the
 bodyez, *viijd.* ; for halfe a yearde of cotton for
 the plytez, *iijd.* ; for claspez, *jd.* *iijs.* *vd.*

September 9.

To Kyllmarche of Dunmowe, the joyner, for
 a coffer for my nece Margarett *viijs.*

¹ Red-coloured cloth.

September 20.

For three quarters of red brode cloth for a pety-cote for my nece, *vs.* ; for halfe a yearde of redde russell for upper bodyez for the same, *vijjd.* .. *vs. vijjd.*

[Page 4.]

For halfe a yearde of rattes color clothe for a coate for Fraunces, *iijs. vijjd.* ; for an ell of cotton to lyne the same, *ixd.* ; for a yearde of whyte fustyan for slopez for hym, *xijd.* ; for a dozen of buttons, *iijd.* *vjs. vijjd. (sic).*

Item for twoe yeardes of lynnen cloth to lyne upper bodyez and dublettes *xvjd.*

To Grynfelde for his costes to bye att Walden all thys aforsayde stuffe *vijd.*

Mystres Lenton's byll payd *xj^o.* of November *eodem anno* :

Fyrste to William Gorton for twoe yeardes of buckeram for my nece's vardingale, *xvjd.* ; to Broune for three payere of glovez for the chyl dren, *vd.* ; to Peersez wyffe for a payere of shoez for Fraunces, *vd.* ; to John Gonne for a quarter of whyghte thryde, *xvijjd.* ; to Proctour for a payre of bellowez, *vjd.* ; for twoe erthen pannez and one poot, *vjd.* ; for a pounce of watchyng candell, *ijd.* ; for a payll, *iiijd.* ; to George Taylor for covering my necez vardingale¹ and for reedd clothe for the same, *xd.* ; to Johne Gonne for a penner and inckehorne for my nece Margaret, *iiijd.* ; for whyght thryde for here, *xijd.* ; to G[e]orge Taylor for cuttyng Fraunces' grenne coate and for laying buckeram in my nece's gowne, *iiijd.* ; for a flaskett, *iiijd.* ; to Steven Brokeseed for clensyng the seege [=petty], *iiijd.* *vijjs. iiijd.*

[Page 5.]

To Mother Eynnever for twoe burthen of russhez, *ijd.* ; for a payere of shoez for my neece Margaret, *vjd.* ; for an iverye combe for her, *xijd.* ; for a dossen of poyntes² for my nepveu Fraunces, *vijjd.* ; for a payere of knytt hosez, *vjd.* ; for a payere of knyvez, *iiijd.* ; to William Gorton in rewarde for wayting on my nece Margaret to my Ladye Audleyez house, *xijd.* ; for a payre of garters, *ijd.* ; to George Tayllour for making a doblett and a payre of slopez for my nepveu Fraunces, *vjd.* ; to hym for lynyng for the same, *ixd.* ; item for the making of his taffyta coate, *vijjd.* ; for a payre of shoez for Mrs. Margaret, *vjd.* ; for abces [ABC's],

¹ Farthingale, a hooped petticoat. See *New English Dictionary*.

² See page 329, note 1, above.

ijd. ; for two frose pastez,¹ iiijd. ; for
 corse thryde and a dosen of lether poyntes, ijd ;
 for foure pounde of wooll for knyttyng hosen for
 my nepveu Fraunces, iijs. iiijd.

[Page 6.]

To Mystres Whytney for an ell of carsey [=kersey]
 to make my nece hossen, iijjs. iiijd. ; for an ell of
 fustyan to make Fraunces slevez, xijd. ;
 for a juggle for the chamber, iijd. ; to Mother
 Ennyver for spynnyng a pounde of yearne, vd. ;
 to Gorge Taylour for making a damaske
 coate and a payre of sleves, xijd.

November 12.

Payd to Dyxon upon his byll for three quarters
 of brode cloth for a gowne for Fraunces Wylloughbye,
 vjs. viijd. ; item for threc elles of holland for
 shyrtes, iijjs. iijd. ; item for a yeard and a halfe
 of blacke cotton for the gowne, xijd. xjs. xjd.
 Item payde to William Taylor for three yeardes
 of fryse for Hudson's coate at xiiijd. the
 yearde. iijs. vjd.

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For vj. ellez of canvas for a pallett case for my
 nece Margaret at ix. the ell, iijjs. vjd. ; item for
 a boke for my cosen Margaret covered with velvett
 to hange at hir gerdell, xxd. ; item payde to Mr.
 More for a phyrkyn of graye sope, xijs. ; item for the
 caryng of the sayde sope from London to Stan-
 sted, xd. ; and for the caryage of the same from
 thence to Tyltey, xd. xixs. xd.

In theys same yeare for my nepveu Thomas
 Wylloughbye's borde when hee came fyrst to me,
 which was the xxvijth of Maye, *Ed. VIth quarto*,
 and taryed with me untyll the xjth of June, which
 is a fortnyght, at xs. the weeke xxs.

For Dyxon his man for the sayd space at vs.
 the weeke xs.

For my sayd nepveu's boarde from the 30
 of October next after untyll the xvijth of Novem-
 ber, xxs. ; and for his man that space at vs. the
 weeke, xs. xxxs.

¹ "Paste" was the name of the ornamented pasteboard front of the woman's headdress of the time (French *paste*). See *New English Dict. s.v.* 'paste, sb. 7.' The *Chronicle of Queen Jane*, Camden Soc., 1858, p. 58, describes Jane Grey on the scaffold as divesting herself of her gown, her "froze paast and neckerchief" (cf. *frosecherchers*, p. 406, below). This is quoted from Foxe in the *New English Dict. s.v.* 'frouze,' a wig, which is not connected. The age of Margaret Willoughby precludes the suggestion that *frowes* mean "matron" given in the aforesaid chronicle. See also *Machyn's Diary*, Camden Soc., 1848, pp. 240, 463. Cf. p. 573, below.

For the borde of my nepveu Fraunces Wyl-
loughbye in this same yeare, beginnyng the xxiiith
daye of Apryll untill the xxviith of Januarye
next following, being xl^{ti} weekez, at vs. the week. *xxli.*

For my neece Margarette Wylloughbye's borde
by that tyme and space at the lyke rate and pryce *xxli.*

For Mystres Lenton's borde attendyng upon
theym that tyme and space at lyke rate *xxli.*

For the borde of their twoe servauntes that tyme
and space, at vs. the weeke a peace *xxli.*

For their fuell to their chamberez all that whyele,
both woodd and coale, and for lyghtez to their
chambers, and for wassing that tyme and space
for them all *vli.*

For and in consideracion of the boarde, the
wages, and livery of one whom I reteyned for the
wryting and casting of the rekenynges of the
Wylloughbez *xli.*

Summa totalis hujus anni : cvijli. xjs. viijd.

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1551.

Ed. Sexti quinto.

For a blacke velvett nyghtcappe for my nepveu
Fraunces, iijs. ; for an ell of whyght carsez at three
shyllinges iij^d. the yeard for upper stockez,
iijs. i^d. ; for a yeard of whyte cotton, viij^d. ;
for three yeardes of flannell at xv^d. the yearde,
iijs. ; for twoe thousand of pynnez for my nece,
xx^d. ; for a standysse¹ for her, xij^d. ; for an Eng-
lysshe dyaloge² for Fraunces, j^d. xiiijs. vij^d.

March 24.

Item for lij. yeardes of dornyx³ to hange my
nece and Fraunces' chamber withall, at xx^d. the
yearde, iiijli. vjs. viij^d. ; for iiij^{or} elles of canvas
to lyne the upper edge at ix^d. th'ell, iijs. ; item to
the boys that brought the sayd dornyx to the
Mynerys,⁴ i^d. ; for a yearde and halfe of marble
clothe for Hudsones livery, xjs. v^d. cjs. iiij^d.

Item for Hughe Halles livery a yearde of marble,
ixs. i^d. ; item for a phirkyn of graye sope bought

¹ A "standish," a case for pen and ink, an inkstand.

² Christopher St. Germans' "Doctor and Student," a handbook of Eng-
lish law, first published in Latin in 1523. Robert Wyer's edition *circa* 1530
bears the title "The fyrste dyaloge in Englysshe betwyxt a Doctoure of
Dyvnyte and a Student in the Lawes of England . . . with newe
addycyons." The second dialogue was published in English in 1531.

³ A silk, worsted, or woollen cloth, originally made at Dornick (the
Flemish form of Tournay). See *New English Dictionary*, s.v. 'Dornick.'

⁴ The Minories, London, where George Medley resided.

at Sturbrydge fayre, viijs. ; item for Hudson's wynter lyvery three yeardes of fryse one quarter, at xiiij*d.* the yearde, iijs. vjd. xx*s.* viij*d.*

Payde to Mrs. Lenton that shee payde Burlez uppon his byll to Mrs. Margarett, dated xxvij^o. *die Maii, eodem anno* :

For makynge a damaske goune, vjs. ; for halfe an ounce of whypped lace, *xd.* ; for three quarters and a halfe a quarter of a yearde of fustyan, *xd.* ; for three naylez of damaske, *xxd.* ; for three naylez of taffatey, *xxd.* ; for a yearde of buckerham, *ixd.* ; for cotton and claspez, *vjd.* ; for makynge a payre of satten slevez and stytching syleke, *viiij*d.** ; for sarcenett, *xij*d.** ; for iiiij^{or} yeardes of poynting lace, *xij*d.** ; for iiiij^{or} yeardes and *dim.* of redde russell for a vardingale,¹ *vjs. 1*d.** ; for redde clothe to bynde the same, *xviij*d.** ; for makynge and lynyng to the same, *ijs. iiiij*d.** ; for makynge a clooke garded with velvett, *xvjd.* ; for sycleke to the same, *iiiij*d.** xxvijs. vjd.

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For my nepveu Thomas Wylloughbyez boorde in this yearde for xx^{ti} weekez at Tyltey, when the greate swett² was in Cambrydge and other placez, after the rate of *xs.* the weeke, from the xxiiijth of Maye to the tenth of October folowing xli.

For the borde of Dyxon and Hughe Hall attendyng upon hym all that tyme, at *vs.* the weeke a peece xli.

Summa totalis hujus anni : cxlviiij*li.* xviijs. jd.

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1552.

Anno Sexto E. Sexti.

For a boxe of sope wayyng twelve poundes at three pence the pounce, iijs. ; for a taffita hatt for my nepveu Fraunces, *vs.*

Item a lytle byble for my cosyn Margarett vjs. viij*d.*

Payde Mystris Lenton upon hir byll dated *vicesimo Februarii, eodem anno.*

To Mr. Fraunces to send to his nurce vjd.
 For a hede lace and veluper³ for Mrs. Margarett xij*d.*
 For poyntes and sugercandye vij*d.*
 For wormesede ij*d.*

¹ Farthingale, a hooped petticoat. See *New English Dictionary.*

² That is an epidemic of sweating sickness.

³ A 'voluper,' a woman's cap or bonnet.

For a boxe of cipheos¹ and a boxe of triakell²
for Mr. Fraunces and for Mistris Margarett, to
preserve them in the evyll yeare ijs.

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For fyve skeynez of whyte thrid xd.
For mendyng Mrs. Margaretes pyllyan, newe
strozpe and gyrtes for the same pyllyan xvd.
For a purce for Mystris Margarett vjd.
To a pedler for an ounce of lace xvjd.
To Hudson for a yearde of twyle to lyne hosen
for Mr. Fraunces, xvjd. ; for too elles of lynnyn clothe
and a halfe to make Mr. Fraunces shyrtes, ijs. ixd. ;
. . . to Grynefelde for an ell of carsey to make Mrs.
Margarett hosen, vs. ; to Elizabeth Ennyver for
knytting a payre of slevez, iiijd.

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To Mr. Frances to geve Hughe Hall for sending
hym a dagger vjd.
To Alyce, Mr. Medleye mayde, for three elles
of lynnyn cloth to make Mrs. Margett coushyn
clothez and hande towelles and to lyne her upper
bodyez ijs. ixd.

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To Mistris Margett that she gave to the harvest
folkez, xijd. ; for ij. accidences for Mr. Fraunces,
viijd.
For a sylver thymble, xiiijd. ; for an ounce of
satten sylke for Mrs. Margarett, ijs. ijd. ; for too
elles of hollan cloth for Mistris Margett to make
hir nyght rayelles [= gowns] and nyghtkerchers,
iijs. ; . . . for arrowez for Mr. Fraunces,
jd. ; . . . to Burlez, the taylour, for makyng
a russell gowne garded with the same for Mrs.
Margarett, ijs. iiijd. ; for claspez for the same, jd. ;
for buckerham for the same, iiijd. ; for twoe yerdes
saving a quarter of fryse for the pleightes, xiiijd. ;
for caytching³ sylke, iiijd. ; for poynting rybonde
for the same, xd. ; . . . for a payer of brasse-
lettes for Mrs. Margarett, bought by Grenefylde,
xijd.

¹ Apparently representing the *κνφοειδής* of Galen, a medical preparation for liver complaints deriving its name from its resemblance in smell and taste to the Egyptian *κῦφι*, a species of incense. They appear to be identical with the *cyseos* (for *cyfeos*=*κῦφεος* or *κῦφεως*?) of p. 407, and the *citheos* of p. 411, below.

² See page 355, note 2 above.

³ 'Catching,' evidently a technical term.

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For a skynne and a halfe to make Mr. Fraunces a jerkyn, ijs. ; item for russating of the same, vjd. ; item for the making of the same, viijd. ; for a payre of shoz for Mrs. Margarette Wylloughbye, viijd. ; item for too elles of lynnyn at iijs. th'ell for frosecherchers,¹ slevez, and pertlettes,² viijs. ; for mouldes to make buttons in, jd. . .

For a phirkyn of sope for my cosyn Margarette Wylloughbye, xxviiij^o. *Octobris*. xijs. vjd.

Item for a churche booke for hir of the newe service, 4^o *Novembris* vs.

Item for a Spaynyssh skynne for a jerkyn for Mr. Fraunces Wylloughbye xjs. vjd.

For an ounce of whypped lace xxij^d.

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For a Greeke and a Hebrue gramer for my nepveu Frances ijs. iiijd.

For a dosen of blacke cony skynez viijs.

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Payde Mystris Lenton upon a byll dated 30 *Decembris, anno Mariæ primo*, of my cosyn Margarette's chargez wrytten with her owne hande as foloweth :

For twoe Frenche bookez, xxd. ; for Iera Picra³ and Iera Magna,⁴ ijs. ; . . . for a sechell [= satchel] for my brother Fraunces bookez, iiijd. ; for a combe for hym, ijd. ; for ij. yeardes and three quarterez of blake fryse to make my brother Fraunces a coate and hosen to ryde in, ijs. ijd. ob.

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To Mystris Lenton for teaching and loking to my brother Fraunces and me for a yere and a halfe due to hir at Easter, iiijli., accordyng as myne uncle and John Hall promysed her . .

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For a Rone skyne⁵ to make my brother Fraunces a jerkyn, ijs. iiijd. ; . . . for halfe an ell

¹ A compound of *frowes* (see p. 402, note 1) and *kerchers* (kerchiefs), miswritten (by anticipation) *cherchers* ?

² Neck-apparel. See *New Engl. Dict.*

³ *Hiera Picra*, an electuary compounded of aloes, etc.

⁴ Another medical preparation bearing the name *Hiera* (*iepá*).

⁵ Roan leather.

of cloth for ruffez for my brother Fraunces and me, xiijd. ; for a pounce of sugere for my brother Fraunces, xiijd. ; for a pounce of almons for hym, vjd. ; for meate for my brother, xijd. ; to the potycarye for pyllez for hym, viijd. ; for a leage of veall to make jellye for hym, xijd. ; for pollyng of hym, ijd. for a panne and flaxe seade to make a bath for my brother Fraunces, ijd. ; for twoe salsagez [= sausages] for hym, ijd. ; to Hudson for v. sackez of coalez, iiijs. xjd.

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To Albone in rewarde when hee brought me a vellatt (*sic*) kyrtell that my Ladyez grace dyd gyve to me, vs. : for a payer of virgynalles for me, xxvjs. viijd. ; for bote hyere to my Lorde of Arundelles, iiijd.

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To Clarke for teaching me to playe upon the virginalles, for one moneth ended xxvij^o *Maii*, vs. ; item to Mr. Horseley for an other moneth ended xxv^o *Junii*, vs. ; item to hym for the lycke an other moneth ended xxvij^o *Julii*, vs. ; for a boxe of cyseos¹ for my brother Fraunces, viijd.

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For a calle [= caul] for me, vijd. ; for volupez and harlasez² for me, xiiijd.

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1554.

To my cosyn Margarette upon hir byll dated xv^o *Decembris, anno 1554.*

Fyrste for a crystall glasse, iiijs. ; for blue sylecke, ixjd. ; for too yeardes of fustyan for a cloake bagge, xvjd. ; to a bargeman for caryage of her stuffe from Keyo [Kew] to London when shee dyd wayte upon my Ladyez grace, vijd.

¹ For *cyseos* (p. 405, note 1) or *cyceon* (=κυκεών), a medical mixture ?

² 'Hair-laces.' For 'voluper.' see p. 404, note 3.

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For *Eoualdi Galli Confabulationes*¹ for my nepveu
 Fraunces iijd.

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For a bonegrace² for her [Mistris Margett],
 vs. viijd. ; for satten of Brydgez [= Bruges] to
 lett downe hir crymsen damaske kyrtell, xxd. ;
 to the caryer of Tomworth for bryng-
 ing up a payer of virgynalles from Myddelton, xvjd.

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For strynging Mr. Fraunces his virgynalles a newe
 dressyng theym, ijs. viijd. ; to the Greeke for
 makyng Mrs. Margettes whoode [= hood], abyla-
 mentes and muffelers, iijs. viijd.

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1555.

To Mr. Horsseley to teache Fraunces Wyllough-
 bye to playe on the virgynalles ijs. vjd.
 Item to one that taught hym to dawnce at
 severall tymeze iijs. ijd.

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Payde to my nece Margarette upon her booke
 dated xiiij^o. *die Maii, anno supradicto.*

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For a dowsen of bedd staveze for me viijd.

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For an hower glasse for me vjd.
 For a payer of knyvez for me ijs. vjd.
 For a bytte and a payer of guyelt bossez vjs. iiijd.
 For a payer of porchmowethez³ with gylte
 buckelles viijd.

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For a pounce of cruell for my cussbyn ijs.
 Mistris Lenton's byll dated xx^o *die Aprilis,*
anno supradicto, anno 1555.
 For loome lase to make Mistris Margarette and
 [*sic*] a payer of ruffez ijs.

¹ Ewaldus Gallus, *Pueriles Confabulationunculae*. The preface is dated at Weert (in Brabant), 1548. Several editions were published at Oxford and London as late as the end of the seventeenth and beginning of the eighteenth century.

² A kind of veil worn in front of a woman's cap to protect her complexion. See *New English Dictionary*, s.v. 'Bonegrace.'

³ Apparently some article of saddlery.

For poyntes and inkell' [= linen tape] to tye his
[Mr. Francis's] cosshyn when hee rode to Tyltey to
goe to schole at Walden *iiijd.*

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For my nepveu Fraunces Wylloughbyez borde
going to schoole with Mr. Lyse at St. Anthoniez
in London, begonne the xviith of January and
ended the xxxjth of the same, being a fortnyght
at ijs. viijd. the weeke *vs. iiijd.*

For his commons there three weekez ended xxj^o
Februarii *viijs.*

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Fyrst to my Ladye Guyldefordes lackey for
commyng to Tyltey for my cosyn Margarette to
comme to my Ladye Elisabeth's¹ grace *xxd.*

For horsemeate for the horsez that camme
from Tyltey for my cosyn Margarette standyng at
lyvery in London from the xxvjth of October to
the seconde daye of November, 1555, at vjd. the
daye and nyght for haye, with vijs. for lytter . . . *xxvs.*

For the chargez of my cosyn Margarette from
Tyltey to London, and for chargez of horsemeate
of the geldinges commyng to London and return-
yng agayne *vs.*

For the chargez of my cosyn Margarette and
those that dyd attende her to My Ladye Elisabethez
from London to Hatfeld, for the space of iiij^{or}
dayez, their owne chargez and the charges of vij.
geldinges *xxjs. viijd.*

More for horsebreade *xviijd.*

For the chargez of the sayd geldinges at London
when they were returned from Hatfelde *xijs. vjd.*

Gyven to my cosyn Margette to putt in her purse
at her going to My Ladye Elisabethez grace, xxij.
Decembris, 1555^o *lxs.*

For horsemeate of one gelding which was stayed
at London three dayez before Chrystmas for my
cosyn Margarette when shee wente to My Ladye
Elisabethez grace *iijs. iiijd.*

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Payde to my cosyn Margarette upon her
booke, dated 28^o *Octobris, anno Domini*
1555, viz. :

For x. yeardes of goold edging for me . . . *vs.*

For a sylver thymble for me *xiijd.*

¹ Elizabeth, afterwards Queen, who was at this time living at Hatfield, co. Hertford, as appears below.

To the Greake for an uper abylament, a nether
abylamen[t], and a crypen¹. xijs. vjd.

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Item in rewarde to the gentlemen ushers at ye
takying of my othe to My Ladeyz grace xs.
For eight conyskynez² vs.

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For halfe an ounce of Granadoe sylcke xiiijd.
For makying my cloth gorgett, vd. ; for a cony-
skyn for the same, vd. ; for makying my
Frenche kyrtell, xxd. ; for
caryng my stuffe to Hatfelde, vs. ; for bring-
yng yt to the in, viijd.

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1556.

To my cosyn Marye Dannett, 5^o *Januarii*, that
she payde for the embroydring of my cosyn Mar-
garettes satten gowne xxxxs.

Sent to my cosyn Margarett to Hatfeld, 1555^o,
vii^o *Februarii* xls.

For my cosyn Margettes costes, xxvij^o *Septem-
bris*, comyng from Hatfelde to Tyltey viijs. iijd.

For her costes from Hatfelde to London, *Termino
Hillarii*, 1555^o ix. iij. ob.

For her costes retornyng theyther vijs. vjd.

Phyllypez costes when hee went to Hatfelde to see
her, being sycke, and for *Mithredatum*³ which hee
caryed with hym to her, which cost vjd. ijs. iijd.

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For lyttle Dyckez chargez when hee rode to
My Ladye Elsabethez grace for a geldyng that my
cosyn Margarett dyd borowe, vs. ; for his bayte
at Ware, vjd.

To Browne for ryding to Hatfelde to see my
cosyn Margett and whether shee lacked anythyng,
for his horsemeate for one nyght and halfe a daye,
xiijd. ; for his supper at Hatfeld, iij. ijd. ; for his
bayte to Hadham, vjd. xxiiijd.

For his chargez there an other tyme xxijd.

For my nepveu Fraunces Wylloughbye at
sondrye tyme syth his comyng to Wal-
den to the schole Mr. there, in *anno
supradicto*.

¹ 'The crepin of a French hood, *guimple, guimpe, guimphe*'; Cotgrave.

² Rabbit-skins.

³ An electuary serving as a remedy or preservative against poison, compounded of a great number of drugs. It was used extensively as a cordial, opiate, sudorific, etc.

To the scholemayster of Walden for teaching my nepveu Fraunces one quarter of a yeare ended the xv th daye of September, <i>anno predicto</i> ..	ijs.	iijd.
More to hym in rewarde		xxd.
To one that dyd teache hym to wryte ..		xijd.
To hym selfe to putt in his purse		ijjd.
For a Terence for hym.. .. .		iiijd.
For a Latten psaltere		ijjd.

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To Mr. Corbett of Walden by the handes of Gryphyn for necessaryes layde oute for my nepveu Fraunces as foloweth :

For a wryting booke, *ijd.* ; for twoe dosen of poyntes, *ijd.* ; . . . for a glasse and yncke, *jd.* ; . . . for an incke horne, *ijd.* ; for halfe a quier of paper, *jd. ob.* ; . . . for a Cato¹ and dialoguez, *vijd.* ; . . .

To Mr. Corbett, 15 ^o <i>Decembris, anno prædicto,</i> for Tullies epistelez		ijjd.
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To the scholemaister of Walden for teaching of hym	ijs.	vjd.
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Item layde oute by Thomas Gonne at soundrye tymeze for my nepveu Fraunces, as appereth by one of his bokez dated 3 *Maii*, viz. :

For arrowez and bowstringes,	iiijd.	
for bockerham for towelles,	xjd.	

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For a purse for my nepveu Fraunces		xviijd.
For Ciceroes epystelles for hym, with divers commentariez	viijs.	
To Rycharde Bramley for teaching hym to syng	vs.	
For a felte hatte for workedayez	ijs.	
For wormeseade and aloes for my nepveu Fraunces		vjd.
For Athanasia ² and citheos ³ for hym	iiijs.	ob.
For a dixonarie in Englysshe ⁴		xd.
For <i>Colloquia Vivis</i> ⁵		xd.
For <i>Colopine cum onomastico</i> ⁶		xvjs.

¹ See page 218, above.

² *Athanasia* (*ἀθανασία*), a remedy for dysentery and other disorders.

³ See page 405, note 1, above.

⁴ *The Dictionary of Sir T. Eliot, knight*, London, 1538, folio, a Latin and English dictionary subsequently elaborated by Bishop Cooper.

⁵ *Exercitatio Linguae Latinae Jo. Lud. Vivis* (Vives), Basle, 1541, Lyons, 1543, 8vo. (in *Opera*, Basle, 1555, p. 13).

⁶ The rare Strasburg edition of 1537 of the famous Latin dictionary of Ambrose Calepin contains an 'Onomasticon Latinogrecum,' a Latin-Greek glossary (Gustaf Loewe, *Prodromus Corporis Glossariorum Latinorum*, Leipsic, 1876, p. 194, and *Glossae Nominum*, Leipsic, 1884, p. 125).

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For borde [for Margaret] at the Minorisse,
 begonne the xxiiijth of October and ended the
 xxxth of the same vjs. iijd.
 Item for Hudson the sayde space ijs. viijd.
 Item for Kynton's borde that contynued at
 London to attend her to my Ladye Elsabethez
 grace ijs. viijd.

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For one weekez borde for my cosyn Margaret
 at the Minorisse ended the xx. *Novembris*, being
 returned from My Ladye Elizabeth grace because
 of the deathe of one of her gentell woemen, which
 dyed of the small pockez vs.
 To Mistris Corbett for my nepveu Fraunces'
 borde at Walden going to schole there, for one
 quarter of a yere, begonne the xvjth daye of June,
Marie Secundo, and ended the xvth of September
 in this same yere, *Marie 3^o* xxvjs.

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Item payde for my selfe and others at soundry
 tymeze for my nepveu Fraunces, 4^o *Marie*, for
 paper for a songe booke for hym, xijd. ; item for a
 booke byndyng for his songez, xd. ; for a Terence
 wyth dyvers comentariez, viijs. ; for a paper booke
 for his lessons on the virginalles, xvd. xjs. jd.
 For a booke called *Copia Erasmi*¹ xvd.
 For *Epitome Adagiorum Erasmi*² xijd.
 For a penner and inckehorne vjd.
 For the Actes of the Appostelles³ in meter to
 synge xijd.
 For *Corderius 'De corrupti Sermonis emen-*
*dacione'*⁴ ijs. viijd.

¹ *D. Erasmi de duplici Copia Rerum ac Verborum Commentarii duo*, Strassburg, 1513, 4 to. There were other editions published at various places between 1513 and the date of the present account.

² *Adagiorum epitome post novissimam D. Erasmi . . . exquisitam recognitionem per E. Tappium ad numerum adagiorum magni operis nunc primum aucta*, Antwerp, 1544, quarto.

³ *The Actes of the Apostles, translated into Englyshe Metre . . . by C. Tye . . . wyth notes to eche Chapter, to synge and also to play upon the Lute*, (etc.), in black-letter, London, 1553, octavo.

⁴ *Corderius, Maturis (Mathurin Cordier), De Corrupti Sermonis Emendacione et Latine loquendi Ratione liber unus*, Lyons, 1538, octavo, and later editions in 1541, 1545, etc.

For *Compendium Eligantiarum Valle*,¹ iiijd. ; and
for Terence phrasez,² iiijd. viijd.
For vj. yeardes of sackecloth to make hym a
gowne, vjs. ; for twoe foxeskynez and dim. to fase
the same, vs. ; for xxvj^{ti} whyte lambe skynez to lyne
the bodye and the sleve, vjs. vjd. ; for the furring,
xviijd. ; to Rycharde of Thaxsted for
teaching hym to playe on the virginalles and to
sing, ijs. vjd.

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Summa totalis hujus anni : lvjli. xviijs. xd. ob.

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1557.—*Marie quinto*.

For a booke to teache hym [Francis Willoughby]
to wrytte the Italian hande by vjd.
For a brusshe for hym and a booke of Sherez³
fygueres in Englyshe viijd.
To Mr. Horseley for teaching hym arethmetick
and to playe on the virginalles, from the xxvijth
of Apryll untill the xvth of Maye, viz., xviijd.
[sic] dayes at xvjd. the weeke iijs. iiijd.
For the cariage of his virginalles from Mr. Horse-
leyez to the Minorisse jd.

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Item for a paper booke to wryte his songgez
that hee lerned on the virginalles viijd.

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Summa totalis hujus anni : lvli. xjd. ob.

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1558.

Marie Reginae vj.^o

Layde forth by Thomas Gonne for my nepveu
Fraunces as appereth by his booke, 1558, *Marie*
5 et 6^o, for twoe payer of lyned shoez for hym xxjd.
For a loade of coalez for hym when hee went to
Cambridge to schole wyth Docketer Carre . . . xviijs.
For twoe yeardes of rattes coler cloth to make
hym a gowne xvs.

¹ The *De Elegantia Linguae Latinae* of Lorenzo Valla, first published at Rome in 1471, went through many editions. From the price given above the Compendium would seem to have been an abridgment of this work.

² Probably *Floures for Latine Spekyng selected and gathered out of Terence and the same translated into Englysshe* [by Nicholas Udall ?], London, 1533, 1538, 1540, etc. There is an earlier Oxford publication [1483 ?] called *Vulgaria quedam abs Terentio in Anglicam linguam traducta*. See F. Madan, *Early Oxford Press*, p. 3.

³ Richard Sherry, *A treatise of the Figures of Grammer and Rhetorike*, London, 1555, 16 mo.

Gyven to my nepveu Fraunces to putt in his purse	xijd.
For a knytt cappe for hym	xd.
For furre to lyne hym a gowne.. .. .	iijs. iiijd.
To the furrer.. .. .	xijd.
For furred glovez for hym	vd.
Gyven to hym by Mr. Carre to playe withall	vjd.
For paper and to one that brushed his cloathez	iiijd.
For Ceporius' gramer ¹ for hym	xd.
For mending his virginalles	xijd.
In reward to Mr. Carrez servauntes for their attendyng upon hym whyle hee was there ..	ijs.

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Summa totalis hujus anni : xxiiijli. xv. viijd.

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Elizabeth primo.

For Henry Medley his chargez ryding to Hampton Courte from Tyltey aboute the assurance of my cosyn Margarettes joyenter	xls.
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For the borde of my nepveu Fraunces being at
Docketer Carrez in Cambridge, from the xvijth of
October, *Mariæ* vj^o, to the fyrst of Jule, *Elizabeth*
primo, being xxxvij. weekez lacking twoe dayez
at vs. the weeke.. .. .

Summa totalis hujus anni : xxviiijli. xxiiijd. ob.*Summa totalis expensarum, que in hoc libro continentur* :
dccccxxjli. iijs. xjd. quad.

1553-4.—Extracts from [John Halle's] account of "Execu-
tours' costes anno 7 E. VJ^a. et primo Marie regine."

1553.

Firste for my costes to Brodgate [Bradgate, co. Leicester] xj ^o Julii, and to Wollaton for to see men in aredynes in that countrey, ² my charges for iiij dayes	vs.
Item my costes to Wyken to see men in aredynes there	xijd.
Item for my manes costes to Brodgate for my Lordes lettres	vd.

¹ Jacobus Ceporinus (= Wiesendanger), *Compendium Grammaticæ Græcæ jam tertium ab authore castigatum*, Paris, 1529, 8vo.

² This and the following entries clearly relate to the attempt of Henry Grey, Duke of Suffolk and Marquis of Dorset, the father of Lady Jane Grey (who was born at Bradgate, his Leicestershire seat), and the brother-in-law of Henry Willoughby, to resist by arms Queen Mary's claim to the throne, vacated by the death of Edward VI, proclaimed on 9 July, 1553.

Item to Rauf Osburne and Averei Smythe for carrying the harnes ¹ to Brodgate	ijs. viijd.
Item to Averei Blew for his costes ryding to Wyken with a lettre	vjd.
Item to him for ryding to Wollaton with my Lordes lettres	xd.
Item to Geffrey Blewe for ryding with my Lordes lettre to Sir Robert Throgmorton	xijd.
Item his costes ridinge to Brodgate with Mr. Throgmorton his lettre	vjd.
Item to Halpeny his costes goinge [to] Wollaton to Mr. Marmyon, and commynge home by Brodgate, for ij daies	xijd.
Item to him for his costes to Wollaton to staye the men with a lettre	xiiijd.
Item for my mannes costes to Warwicke to Mr. Hudson with my Lordes lettre	xd.
Item my charges frome Midelton to Wollaton t mete Sir Hugh Willughbie, <i>xix^o Aprilis</i> , and there abyding thre daies	vjs.
Item my costes frome Mydelton to London, xxiiij th of Apriell	viijs.
Item my charges beinge there xviiij daies	xxxviijs.
Item for Henry Blewes charges frome Cambridge and bringinge ij horses with him	vs. vjd.
Item for my man's costes at Brodgate, <i>xj^o Novembris</i> , when I was at my Lordes	xvjd. ob.

Money paide by Mrs. Lenton for Mr. Fraunces, Mrs. Margaret Willoughbie, and her owne borde, with ij servauntes, in the Mynories after the departinge of Mr. Medeley as hereafter followeth, *videlicet* :

1554.

First for there borde for one weeke, begonne the <i>xixth</i> of Januarye and ended the <i>xxvth</i> of the same, as appeareth by the dyvicion which was drawn out of the howshold booke	xxvjs. xd.
[Other charges for board, sacks of coals, billets, etc.]	
Item delivered to Mrs. Margaret Willoughbie to have in her purse to bie such thinges as she had need of at the same tyme	vjs. viijd.
[Payments of wages, annuities, etc.]	205.

1553-4.—“John Halls booke of paymentes *annis Edwardi Sexti vij^o et regine Marie primo et Phillipi regis et regine Marie secundo.*” Accounts of wood sales, executors' costs, agricultural charges, etc. 205.

¹ Armour, war-gear.

1555-6.—“Th’ executores boke begynnyng the xvj dey of Maye, in *annis regnorum regis Philippi et regine Marie primo et secundo*, for receyptes and paymentes” for expenses of agriculture, etc., with notes in the hand of George Medley. 205.

1555-6.—“Jhon’ Halles boke of paymentes begunne the fyrste of October, *annis regnorum Phillippi regis et regine Marie ij^o et iij^o*.” 205.

1556-7.—“Jhon’ Halles boke of paymentes begunne the fyrste day of October, *annis regnorum Philippi regis et regine Marie iij^o et iiij^o*.” 205.

1557-8.—“Th’executores booke begynnyng the xxv. day of Marche, in *annis regnorum regis Philippi et regine Marie tercio et quarto*,” with notes in the hand of George Medley regarding wool-crop. 205.

1558.—“The boke of th’expences at the audet ther [Wollaton], begynnege the xiiijth day of Marche, at nyghte, *annis regnorum Philippi et Marie regis et regine quarto et quinto*.” Daily accounts of receipt and expenditure of provisions from Monday, 14 March, to the following Monday. Signed by George Medeley and Gabriell Barwyk. 205.

1558-9.—“Jhon Halles boke of receytes and paymentes begunne the fyrst daye of October, *annis regnorum Philippi regis et regine Marie quarto et quinto*.” Law and travelling expenses, and wages. 205.

1561.—Book containing summaries of the accounts of George Medleye, esquire, Gabriel Barwycke, esquire, and John Hall, gent., executors of the will of Henry Willoughby, for the thirteen years ending at Christmas, 1561. At p. 69 are seven yearly inventories ending in March, 1556, of Middleton and Wollaton. At p. 81 the receipts from the “Coole minez in Wullerton Parke” during the time of the account amount to 4045*l.* 5*s.* 1½*d.*, from which are subtracted for “deduccions and ordinarye charges in allowances” 1353*l.* 16*s.* 10*d.*, and for “woode boughte to build the pittes, with xlii. paide by Master Medleye,” 82*l.* 1*s.* 0*d.* For the six years ending at Christmas, 1561, the receipts for coal from Wullerton Parke are given as 2681*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.*, and from Bilboroughe Hollowes 112*l.* 10*s.* 0½*d.* (p. 135). The end leaves of the volume consist of portions of four leaves of a thirteenth century theological manuscript. 205.

1561-2.—Extracts from “Wollaton. Th’executors’ booke, begynnege at the Natyvete of Oure Lorde, in the forthe yere of the reigne of our moste drede sovereigne Ladye, Quene Elesabythe.” Payments for expenses of agriculture, travelling, the armourer, etc.

[Fo. 10.]

Provision agaynste the audet, beyng apoynted to be kepte at Wollaton, the xijth of Julye, by th'apoyntmente of the ryghte honorable Sir Fraunces Knowelles. [Details of food spices, etc.]

[Fo. 12.]

The executors' commaundmentes.

Paid, the xxj daye of Apriell, to Mr. Henry Medleye, as by aquetance more playnely apear-
ythe, for the purchas of the chauntre howse in
Wollaton, beyng boughte of Rawfe Pynder,
grocer, of London, by Mr. George Medley, esquyre,
the some xxxiiij^{li}. xv^s.

[Fo. 13.]

Yerne [= iron] worke.

Paid to the smythe for makynge a locke and a keye for the plasterhowse dore	xd.
Paid to the smythe for makynge ij jarne [= iron] boltes for ij wheles in a gyne ¹ and busshynge the same wheles wythe iarne, the saied gyn beyng made for the reyringe of the barne	iiij ^d .
Paied to the smythe for makynge and mendynge a locke for the stylytary howse dore, and mak- ynge a stable [= staple] for the same dore, and for makynge ij haspes and a stable for another dore in my olde Mr. chambar.	vjd. 205.

1565.—“Howsholde charges begynenge the xxix of
Auguste tyll the vj of September, 1565.”

[Fo. 1.]

*Provesyon agaynste my Mr. comynge to Wollaton, begynenge
xxix of A[u]guste, 1565. [Details.]*

[Fo. 3.]

*Praysantes gyven to my Mr. [Details, including “by the
sheryffes of Not[yngham] a gallon wyne”].* 205.

1565.—Extracts from “The trew cople of the booke of
howsholde charges at my Mr. beyng at Wollaton, begynenge
the xxxth of Marche, in anno rigni (sic) domine regine
Elesabithe septimo.” Daily accounts of purchase of victuals,
etc., up to 10 April.

Thorsdy, the fyrste of Apriell.

¹ A species of crane. See *New English Dictionary s.v.* ‘gin,’ sub. 1.

For my Mr. charges this daye at Not[yn]gham at
Thorlande Place, payd to th'andes of Pordy,
my Mr. man xjs.

Sunday, the viijth of Apriell.

This day at dynar Syr John' Beyron and also at dyner
and soper Ser Anthony Strylley and my Lady and two other
younge ladyes of Huntyngham and to the numbar of fortye
other person, beyng straungars, over and besydes Mr. Treppes
of Chyllwell and his men.

Extraordenary charges at the same tyme.

For and in reywarde to Mrtes. Brasbrydge's man that broughte a salmonde to my Mr.	xijd.
Item in reywarde to Ser Jarves Klyfton man that broughte a pyke to my Mr.	ijs.
Item in reywarde to Mr. Barton man that brought a salmonde to my Mr.	vjd.
Item in reywarde to Ser John' Beyron man that broughte fysshe to my Mr.	xijd.
<i>Summa totalis</i> , as well ordenarye as extraordenarye :	205.

1566.—Extracts from "Th'executors' booke of foren receptes
and paymentes, begynnenge the fyrste daie of *Januarii* in
th'eyghte yeare of the rigne of our moste gracious sovereigne
Ladye Quene Elezabithe." Accounts of sales of timber and
bark, agricultural expenses, etc. [Torn and imperfect.]

[Fo. 3.]

Item payd for two stone and <i>dim.</i> of picke [= pitch], the ix th of Faybruary, for to marke the flockes at Arnalde, Basforde, and Wollaton at xvij ^d . the stone	iijs.	ixd.
Item payd, the xiiij th of Marche, to Maryat of Not[yn]gham for his paynes to kylle two foxes the whiche dystroyed the lordes lammes and other shepe, and also for kyllynge a doge, a wylde catte and other varmentes from the conyes, payd in greyte [= great, <i>i.e.</i> , as piece-work] . .	vjs.	
Item payd more to Henry Averey wyffe for board- ynge of hym viij daies at takynge the sayde vermentes	ijs.	iiij ^d .
Item payd for redde hearynge to beyte his trappes wythall		iiij ^d .

[Inventory of sheep (fo. 5) : with Robert Raynor, shepherd
at Arnalde, sixteen score of wethers ; with Hugh Jarlande,
shepherd at Basforde, 16 score and 11 wethers ; with Henry
Averey, shepherd of Wollaton, 418 sheep and 174 lambs.] 205.

1566.—"The booke of husbandrye chardges at Wollaton,
1565^o, *anno regni Elizabethę regine octavo*, from the fyrst of
February, *annis (sic) supra dictis*," Henry Averey, accountant.

Includes among other entries accounts of expenditure on "woodden chardges" (ploughs and other woodwork), charges of coopery, "the chardges of eyndinge¹ of oats owte of Jwnson's close," "rundes² and barennes bought" with other cattle, "the chardges of moeng and eyndynge of bracken," "for the dressing of chambers," "th'yndroderer's chardges" (William Avere, who is paid 4*d.* a day and 6*d.* a week for his daughter's work). 205.

1566.—Extracts from "Wollaton. The boke of forene receyptes and paymentes begynnynge the fyrst daye of *Januarii, anno regni domine Elizabethę regine octavo, 1565*[-6]." Bound in a portion of a large service book, written in a bold hand of the fourteenth century with good illuminated initials.

[Fo. 6.]

The boke of cattall, as in their places hereafter following shall appeere.

[Fo. 26.]

Reparacions and workes donne upon the manour and demesnes.

[Fo. 55.]

The husbandrye chardges. [Include "the wodden chardges" (*i.e.*, carpentry), "chardges bestowed upon the gyfter³ plowes" (refreshments to those doing ploughing), "the chardges of moeng and eynding¹ of otes owte of Junson's close," "the chardges of moenge and eynding of bracken," and other agricultural expenses and household repairs. 205.

1566.—"Wollaton.—The booke of provesyon for howsholde charges, begynenge the xxvijth daye of Septembre at nyghte in *anno rigni (sic) domine regine Elezabethę octavo.*" Daily accounts of purchases of victuals up to 13 October.

[Fo. 3.]

Extraordenarij charges.

Fyrste for a hundrethe weyghte of hoppers for beare xxjs.	
Item for a pynte of sallet oyle to scowre vessell	
withall	xd.
Item for ij <i>li.</i> of chawke for the same	ij <i>d.</i>

¹ Harvesting, stacking, etc. Cf. *New English Dictionary, s.v.* 'End, *vb.* 2.

² Oxen or cows of a small breed; steers or heifers. See Prof. Wright, *English Dialect Dictionary.*

³ See above, page 340, note. Here it seems to mean boon-ploughs, that is the unpaid ploughing due from certain tenants to the lord incident to their tenure.

Item in reywarde to Mr. Wyllughby man of Rysley [Risley, co. Derby] that broughte my Mr. a dozen peyownes [= pigeons] and a cowple capones	xijd.
Item to Syr Jerves Klyfton man that brought my Mr. <i>dim.</i> a hundrethe of saltfysshe	xs.
Item in reywarde to the mewsecyons of Darby, the 4 of Octobre	ijs.
Item more to Mr. Wyllughby man aforsed, the 5 of Octobre, that broughte my Mr. a trowte and a dysshe of plommes	vjd.

[Fo. 5.]

Preysantes broughte to my Mr. the 7 of Octobre.

By the farmer of Wyllughby a cowple capones, a
dysshe of peyownes [= pigeons], a fat goos and
two baskytes of apples.

By William Doughtye wyffe of Westhalom [West
Hallam, co. Derby] a botell wyne and a dysshe
of aples.

The same day by the wyffes in Wollaton as followethe :

By Mrtes. Trussell thre yonge hennes.

[Presents from twenty-nine other married women of pullets,
chickens, hens, a young cock, dishes of apples, and of two
dozen larks.]

[Fo. 10.]

*Praysantes gyven to my Mr. at Wollaton begynenge the
xxviij of Septembre, 1566.* [Details of presents by eleven men.]

Signed (fo. 4): Fra. Wyllughby. 205.

1569.—“The boke of foreyne receiptes and paymentes
receyved and paid by wekely recknynges, begynnynge the
fyrst daye of January, *anno regni regine Elizabethæ duodecimo*,
by the handes of William Blythe.” 205.

[c. 1570.]—Household accounts, of which the first page,
which contained the date, has almost entirely disappeared.
It is bound in two leaves of a twelfth century MS. containing
commentary on parts of the book of Job, commencing :
“*Numquid mittes fulgura, et ibunt, et revertentia dicent tibi :
'asssumus'* [xxxviii, 35]. *Fulgura quippe ex nubibus exeunt,
sicut mira opera ex sanctis predicatoribus ostenduntur.*
*Qui, ut sepe diximus, iccirco nobis vocari solent, quia et
chorusant miraculis et pluunt verbis.*” 205.

[c. 1570.]—Wollaton book of husbandry, etc., beginning
January Elizabeth (year torn away) in
same hand and of like nature as Henry Averey's account
for 1566. 205.

1572 to 1575.—Extracts from book of receipts and expenditure for the household from 8 November, 1572, to February, 1575. The accountant was Thomas Shaw, as appears at folios 6, and 8 *verso*, 12, 35, 36. From about the middle of 1573 the accounts are entered weekly only. In the extracts the weekly dates are given within brackets.

[Fo. 1.]

1572.

Mensis Novembris 1572.

The viijth of November payd to my Mrs. for her quarteres allowance endinge at Myghellmas last past xli.
 The same day that Bartholomew Wyddoson payd for a hat for my Mr. xijs.
 The same day for ij dd [= dozen] poyntinge rebben at iijs. the dossyn vjs.
 The ixth of November to Borrowes, Mr. George Willoughbie his man, in rewarde for presenting my Mr. with vij dd. [= dozen] larkes, by his commaundment iiijjs.
 For a pair of knyves for my Mrs. ijs.
 To Mr. Banyster that he payd for iiij bookes and towe boxes for my maistres vs.
 For vjll. of starche at vjd. the pounce, payd by Mrs. Ellyzabeth iijs.
 The said daye that she paid for iiij oz. dim. [= half] of Speneshe sylke at xxd. the oz. vijs. vjd.
 For one pounce of Systers¹ threed xjs., and for viij oz. more of Systers threed bought by my Mrs. xs. : *in toto* xxjs.
 For vj. bewgle cheynes for the chyl dren bought by my Mrs. ijs.
 To the weates [= waits] of Lychefyelde, the same day [November 10], in rewarde, by my Mr. his commaundment ijs.
 To Shawe that he paid, the same daye, for xl. counters delyvered to my Mr. ijs.
 To George, the said daye, that he paid for ij boltes of blacke threed viijs. viijd., whyte threed dim. ll. [=lb.] xiiijd., brushes ij ijs. : *in toto* xjs. xd.
 To Water Goulde Smythe for vj. oz. dim. of sylver at iiijjs. xd. the oz. xxxjs. vd.
 Paid more to hym for makeinge of a suger boxe of sylver cont[eyning] xxxj oz. at xvjd. the oz. xijs. iiijd.
 Paid more to hym for a playne bowlle of sylver cont[eyning] vij oz. iij quarters at vs. viijd. the oz. xliijs. xjd.

¹ Sewing thread of flax spun by Italian or Flemish nuns, and hence known as 'nun's thread' (cf. German *Klosterzwirn*).

In rewarde, the same daye, to the christninge of
 Hylles chylde at Wollaton vs.

The xth of November, paid to Mr. Harmar, grocer,
 of London, for spyces, *videlicet* Valence suger
 vij loves, conteyninge 68 ll. ij oz. at xijd. *ob.* the
 pounce, iijli. xjs. (*sic*); suger smalle loves iij,
 conteyninge 14 ll. 10 oz. at xiiijd., xvjs. (*sic*);
 suger, fyne, 4 loves conteyninge 58 ll. j.oz. at
 xjd. per ll., liijs. iijd.; kytchin suger 4 loves
 conteyninge 50 ll. j.oz. at xd. per ll., xlijs. jd.
 (*sic*); case peper xvj ll. at iijs. ijd. per ll.,
 ls. viiijd.; nut mygges, case, 4 li. at 4s.,
 xviijs. viiijd. (*sic*); gynger vj. ll. at iiijs. per ll.,
 xxiijs.; synamonde 12 ll. at iiijs. vjd. per ll.,
 liiijs.; mases, large j ll. xiijs.; cloves, iij ll. at
 vjs. vjd., xixs. vjd.; dates viij ll. at xd. per ll.,
 vjs. viiijd.; maces m. (*sic*) j ll., xs.; proynes j quar-
 ter c. at ijd. *ob.* per ll., vs. xd. (*sic*); reasons
 j pece conteyninge iij quarters viij ll. at iijd. *ob.*
 per ll., xxiijs. xd.; currantes quarter c. at
 ixd. per ll. xxjs.; lyckares iij ll.—xxd.; torne-
 sall¹ ij ll. vs.; annessedes iij ll., iijs. viiijd.; all-
 mondes vj ll., iijs.; ryce, vj ll., at iijjd. per ll.
 iijs.; isinglass *dim.* ll. iijs. iiijd.: *in toto* xxijli. viijs. xd.

And for tolle at Lenton haveinge iij horses to carrye
 the said spyces to Nottingham vjd.

The same day, for vj yarde of tufte taffyta at
 xijs. the yarde, bought by George Camme . . . iijli. xijs.

To Mr. Banyster, the said [day], for manuschrise²
 and other nessaryes delyvered to my Mrs. in
 the tyme of her sycknes xxxs.

The same daye [12 November] in rewarde to my
 Lorde Willoughbies musyssions, by my Mr. his
 command viiijd.

[Fo. 2.]

The said daye [14 November], payd for Scander-
 bege upon the Turkeshe warres,³ xiiijd.; and
 for Vegesias vppon the pollycie of the warres, xijd.
 delyvered to my Mr.: *in toto* ijs. ijd.

To my Mrs. that she gave to the chrystninge of a
 poore man's chylde at Saint Maris [Nottingham] vs.

For a woodknyffe for my Mr. the said tyme [17
 November], payd by my Mr. xls.

¹ See page 372, note 1, above.

² A sort of cordial. See *New English Dictionary*, s.v. 'Manus.'

³ Perhaps Barletius, Marinus, *Historia de Vita et Gestis Scanderbegi, Epirotarum Principis*, Rome [1510?], folio. About 1560 John Daye published at London *Orations of Arsanes agaynst Philip . . . of Macedon; of the Embassadors of Venice against the Prince . . . with Scanderbeg . . . and of Scanderbeg*. See C. E. Sayle, *Early English Printed Books in the University Library*, Cambridge, no. 868.

Item, the same daye [20 November], that my Mr.
gave to the prissoners in the jaele that was
bestowed in bread and dryncke xijd.

[Fo. 3.]

To Hugh Mercer that he paid for ij cawles for
the chyldren iijs. iiijd., and for ij combes and a
glase xijd. : *in toto* iijs. iiijd.
To Thomas Shaw that he paid for covering a
booke for my Mr., the iiijth of December .. . iiijd.

Mensis Decembris, 1572.

The same daye [4 December] for j queere of large
paper for my Mrs., *vd.*, and for j queere of paper
iiijd., ; *in toto* ix*d.*
To Mr. Edmonson, the said daye [5 December],
for a hh. [= hogshead] of clarid wyne iiij*li.* *xs.*,
and to Mr. Cooper for ij hh. of clared wyne
vj*li.* xiijs. iiijd. : *in toto* xli. iijs. iiijd.
The vjth of December, to the poore of Saynte
Maryes [Nottingham] for iij wekes at vjd. the
weeke.. .. . xviijd.
To the weattes of Nottingham for there quarter's
wages endinge at Christmas.. .. . iijs. iiijd.

[Fo. 4.]

Item to Mr. Sherbrooke, the xijth of December,
in rewarde for comynge to my Mrs. beinge sycke *xs.*
To my Mrs., the same daye, for her qua[r]ter's
allowans endinge at Christmas xli.
To hym [William Rice] for his horsemeate going
to Teersall [Teversall, Notts] for Mr. Sherbrooke .. . iiijd.
The same daye [14 December], to John Penne
that he paid for xiiij stone juggs vjs.

[Fo. 5.]

The same daye [20 December] to Mr. Banyster
for oringes and other physsyck mynystred to
my Mrs. by my Mr. his comandement xls.
The same daye [25 December], to my Mrs. that she
lost at cardes at Colwyck [Notts], by th'ands of
Mrs. Ellyzabeth *xs.*

[Fo. 6.]

To John Greene, the xxixth of December, for iiij
hyltes for swerdes and daggers for my Mr. to
lern to playe at fenche with, sent by Mr. Stan-
hope, viijs., and in reward to hym that brought
them xijd. : *in toto* ix*s.*

To my Lorde of Woster's players, the last [day] of December, in rewarde for playing before my Mr. and Mr. Stanhope xx^s.
 To Towle, the same daye, for ij*li*. of cotten week for candle, vs., and for the carridge of yt and xx*ll*. pounde (*sic*) of cotten candle ijs., frome London to Nottingham: *in toto* vijs.
 Physsyck.—To Mr. Banyster, the same day, viz. a syrrope for my Mr., iijs. iii*jd*.; iiijoz. of mace oyle and the oyle of cloves myxed to gether for ache, for my Mrs., xvjs.; one plaster of a consumption of the kyndnes, iijs. iii*jd*.; one oynetment for payne in the back and heate of the kyndnes, xv*jd*.: *in toto* xxiiijs.

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The firste of Januarye, in reward to the musyssyons for playing at my Mr. his chamber dore, paid by Hughe Mercer ijs.
 To Mr. Sterley [= Strelley], the same daye, for vj^{xx} paving brycke for a harthe at Wollaton ijs. v*jd*.
 To Arrowsmythe, the same daye [2 January], that he paid for the carrydge of my Mr. his letters to London, xij*d*., and that he gave to iij mussyssyons xij*d*.: *in toto* ijs.
 To John Borrowes, the same daye, by my Mr. his commaundement for presentinge my Mr. with a Newe Yeres gyfte vs.

[Fo. 7.]

To George Rotherom's man, the thyrde of Januarye, in rewarde for presentinge my Mrs. with the pycure of the Queene for a New Yeres gyfte xij*d*
 The vth of Januarye, to Blythe [that] he geve to the poore at there howses throughe the towne of Nottingham, by my Mr. his commaundement . . . xls.
 To a man of Willoughbye that brought my Mr. worde that Mr. Armestronge¹ was dead and buried in reward xij*d*.
 The same daye [12 January] in reward to the weates of Nottingham for playinge before my Mr. and the rest of the justysses ijs.
 To my Mr. by the th'andes of Frauncis Lydleton to playe at dyce with vjs.
 To Blythe, the same daye [15 January], that he paid to vj m[en] that played before my Mr. an enterlewde iijs. iii*jd*.

¹ Of Thorpe in the Glebe, Notts. See Thoroton, p. 39.

To Mr. Bonnar, the xvij th of Januarye, viz. j payr of bootes viijs., iiij pair of corked ¹ shewes for my Mrs. vs., a pair of pantoffelles ² for my Mr. ijs., a payre of wynter shewes with iij soles for my Mr. ijs., iiij pair of shewes for the chyldren ijs., and one pair of shewes for Joan xiiij ^d ., a peece of corcke iiij ^d . : <i>in toto</i>	xxs.	vjd.
To Rychard Greene, the same daye, that he paid for the conveing a letter from Wyken to Nottingham		xxd.
To Hughe Mercer, the same daye, that he paid for makinge viij pair of sockes for my Mr. ..		viijd.
To hym more, the same day, for xiiij yardes of bonelase for the chyldren	iijs.	iijd.
To hym [Roger the cater] more, the same daye [24 January], for an erthen pypkin		jd. ob.
To Penne, the same daye, that he gave to a man that brought a nape [= an ape] to playe before my Mrs., by my Mrs. her commaundement ..	ijs.	

[Fo. 9.]

To Hughe Mercer, the xxvij th of Januarye, for his charges to Darbye, being sent to Sir Frauncis Leake to borrowe his horse-leeter [= litter] for my Mrs. to London		viijd.
To Johan Beardmore, the same daye [31 January], for her quarter's wages at her going to Lowdam with the chyldren, by my Mrs. commaundement, endinge at Our Ladye Daye	vs.	

[Fo. 9 verso.]

Mensis Februarii 1572[-3].

The second of Februarye in reward to Mrs. Anne Pate at her departure frome my Mr., by my Mrs. her commaundement	xs.	
The same daye [3 February] to Smallewoode at his deperture frome my Mrs. ijs.; to the too weates [= waits] ijs. for playing before my Mr. : <i>in toto</i>		iiijjs.
To the booke bynder, the same daye, for a paper booke covered and bounde with parchement for my Mr.		xjd.

[Fo. 10.]

To a poore woman, the iiij th of Februarye, for knytinge towe pair of hose for the chyldren..		vjd
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¹ Provided with high heels of cork. See *New English Dictionary*, s.v. 'Corked.'

² Slippers. See *New English Dictionary*.

- To Frauncis Lyttleton, the vth of February, for his quarter's wages at his departure frome my Mr., xiijs. iiijd. ; Raphell Symons, xiijs. iiijd. ; William Stockes, xs. ; Thomas Stockes, vjs. viijd. ; Wm. Bradshawe xiijs. iiijd. ; Darby Gray, xxs. ; Foxe, xs. ; Dune iijs. ; Kettle, ijs. iiijd. ; John Mee, vjs. : *in toto* *vli.*
- To Wm. Ryce, the same daye [7 February] that he paid for on yard of russet taffyta saresnet vjs. vjd.
- The same daye to Laundesdale, James Heelaye and John Wright for the carridge of vj lodes of howsholde stuffe frome Nottingham to Wollaton, at xijd. the loode vjs.
- To Hugh Lees, the same daye, for the carridge of ij lodes of stuf to Wollaton fromme Nottingham ijs.
- To Roger Collyer, the same daye, for vj str[yl]kes] of charcolles, ijs. ; a pair of hose for Johan, xiiijd. ; a pair of shewes for Johan, xvjd. ; blew poynting rebben for my Mrs., iiij. yarges, xijd. ; rosen, ijd. ; paper [for] the cookes ij queere, viijd. ; a cheane and locke for the trunck, xijd. ; a brydell bytt for the stable, xiiijd. : *in toto* . . viijs. vjd.
- Leveries.*—The same day that Shawe paid for fower yarges of fryce for Roger Collyer his cote . . iijs. viijd.
- To my Mrs. at her goinge up to London as her allowance, by my Mr. his comaunde xiiijl. vjs. viijd.
- The same daye to John Wright and James Heelaye for the carridge of ij lodes of woode to Nottingham, before my Mr. came frome thens ijs.
- To Blunte, the same daye, that he paid to a poore man as my Mr. came frome Leister, by my Mr. his comaundement xijd.

[Fo. 10 verso.]

The viijth day of February, to Barths. Wyddoson that he paid for ryding charges, *viz.* ferryla [= ferry-charge] at Sawley, iiijd. ; in rewardes at Mr. Staunforthe's his howse, iijs. ; at Breemeham [Birmingham] ij dayes, vjs. vjd. ; to my Mr. in playe there, vjs. ; for horsemeat and shewing there, xxs. viijd. ; to the poore there, vjd. ; geven to the irenston getter, ijs. vjd. ; at Lechefyeld for supper, fyer and wyne, xiijs. viijd. ; breakfast the next daye there, vs. xd. ; horsemeat there, smythe and sadler, xiijs. iiijd. ; to the weates there, vjd. ; to the poore fokes there, vjd. ; to ij poore fokes by the waye, ijd. ; at Stone [co. Stafford] for supper, vjs. viijd. ; for breakfast there iijs. viijd. ; horsemeat there, xs. vjd. ; to the weates there, vjd. ; at Leaton

yate [Lawton Gate, parish of Church Lawton, co. Chester] supper, breakfast and fyer, xs. viijd. ; horse meate there, ix. vjd. ; to the smythe there, iijs. iiijd. ; horse meate at Smallewoode [Smallwood, parish of Astbury, co. Chester] 2 nightes and 2 dayes, xxs. ; Harrye Myller and Watson 2 dayes there, ijs. ; more at Smallewoode for charges there, xxxs. iiijd. ; the charges at Smallewoert there, xvijs. vd. ; in rewardes at Smallewood, iijs. ; for supper and breakfast at Newcastle [under Lyme, co. Stafford] xvjs. ; horsemeate there, xijs. viijd. ; the smythe there, xxijd. ; at Darby supper and breakfast, xvs. ; horsemeat there, xs. viijd. ; the smythe ther, xxd. ; geven to a fylder there xijd. ; to the pore there, iijd. : *in toto* xij^{li}. xiijs. ijd.

To Gabreell Woodnet, the same daye [10 February], for iiij dayes bord wages for hym self and his man at iiijd. the daye ijs. viijd.

To Mr. Corson of Nottingham for iiij yardes of fryce for Baker his cote, by my Mr. his comaundement. iijs. viijd.

To Thomas Gardner for his bord wages the last weeke, ijs. ; and to Thomas Belper for his bord wages the same weeke, xvjd. : *in toto* iijs. iiijd.

[Fo. 11.]

To Thoms Baye and Thoms Turpen of Codgrave [Cotgrave, co. Notts] for getting of lymestone there for my Mr. xs.

To Breedon for v dayes takinge moles in Wyntersyck and the garden at viijd. the daye iijs. iiijd.

[Fo. 11 verso.]

To Mr. Atkinson, the same daye [16 February], for ix^{ll}. hoppes at vd. the pounce iijs. ixd.

[Fo. 12.]

To Breedon, the same daye [21 February], for takinge moldes vj dayes at viijd. the daye, fyndinge hym selfe, in Hollywell and by the pooles. iijs.

To John Robson and his fellowes [21 February] for stubbinge ij. lease [=leys] in the Black Wombe,¹ being hyred by great xs.

To Ryce, the xxvjth of February, that he paid for ferrila at Sawley, my Mr. beinge there, iijd. ; and to Holland that he paid at Stoek Ferrye, my Mr. ryding to Mr. Stanhop his howse, ijd. : *in toto* vd.

¹ Called more correctly Blacke Wonge at fo. 13, 15, but elsewhere Blacke Wombe in several places.

[Fo. 12 verso.]

The same daye in reward to Mr. Stanhop his connye keeper for taking connyes [= rabbits] for my Mr. iij^s. iij^d.
 To Wrightlye, the same daye [28 February], for v dayes worke gettinge wood for the connye clappers at *vd.* the daye i^s. j^d.

Mensis Martii, 1572[-3].

To Cowper of Nottingham, the same daye [3 March], for j. gallon of sack fatche [= fetched] by Hugh, i^s. viij^d. ; and for ij quarters of muskadyne, xv^d. : *in toto* iiij^s.
 The same daye [5 March] to Atkinson for ij yardes of bokarum to lyne my Mr. his greene huse [= hose] the streit lyninge xxij^d.

[Fo. 13.]

The xxth of Marche to Mr. Harpam for a dynner of fyshe and fleshe provyded for Sir John Zowche, Mr. Stanhope, Mr. Bowne, Mr. Reppington, which sate in commyssion of the offyce [*i.e.* inquisition *post mortem*] of Mr. Armestronge xls. xd.
 The same daye for horsemeate for Mr. Stanhop his horsse, xiiij^d., Mr. Whytmore, iij^d., Mr. Bowne, iij^d., for others that weare on the jurye, vj^d. : *in toto* i^s. iij^d.

[Fo. 13 verso.]

To Roger Steele for ferryla for his cart going to Coleorton [Cole Orton, co. Leicester] for fyshe, and backe agayne, the xxjth of Marche xd.
 To Mr. Bowne for drawinge the inquis[it]ion upon the deathe of Mr. Armestronge xs.

[Fo. 14.]

Mensis Aprilis, 1573.

To Mr. Nyckes of Nottingham, the same day [4 April], for churche wages for one yere for my Mr. his pew xvj^d.
 To Wrigley, the same daye [11 April], that he paid for ix ounces of unnyon seede for the garden xij^d.

[Fo. 14 verso.]

The xiiijth of April to Wm. Ryce for his charges at Coventrye, beinge sent to Sir Folke Grevle with the stoned horse, *videlicet* for his horsemeat for xvj dayes, xvs. vj^d. ; for his charges vij dayes, vs. iij^d. ; a horse clothe and a horse combe, xxij^d. ; for ij removes [reserve horse shoes], ij^d. ; for a stryke of otes at Wyken xd. : *in toto* xxiijs. viij^d.

The same daye that he paid for gawles [= galls],
 iiij*d.*; gume, iiiij*d.*; copperes, ij*d.*; ferryla at
 Wylford, being sent to Sir Jarvis [Clifton], j*d.* :
in toto xj*d.*
 To Sir John Herott, preest of Wollaton, for his
 quarter's wages endinge at Our Ladye Daye
 last past xlvs.

[Fo. 15 verso.]

Mensis Maye, 1573.

The vth of Maye in reward to a poore man that
 came to seeke worke, by my Mr. his com-
 maundement ijs.

[Fo. 16 verso.]

To Roger Collyer, the same daye [12 May], that he
 payd to *ux.* [= wife] Blunte for the platt [= plan]
 maker's bord that came frome London to measure
 groundes, by my Mr. his comaundement, viij
 dayes, iiijs. and one meale at Nottingham, vj*d.* iiijs. vj*d.*
 The xvjth of Maye in rewarde to Thomas Gardner
 at his going intoto [*sic*] Scotland, by my Mr.
 his comaundement vjs. viij*d.*

[Fo. 17.]

To Thomas Butler, the xvijth of Maye, that my
 Mr. gave to Raphe Butler his wiffe, who was
 sleane in the pytt in the Highefeld, by my
 Mr. his commaundement iijs. iiij*d.*
 The same daye to Thomas Shawe for his chardges
 ij Satterdayes being sent to gett gold for sylver xij*d.*
 To Blunte, the xvijth of Maye, that he paid for
 ferryla going to Shelford, my Mr. beinge there,
 iiiij*d.*; and to my Mr. by th'andes of Frances
 Jackes to playe at cardes with xs. : *in toto* xs. iiij*d.*
 The same daye [17 May] in rewarde to Mr. Dreacotes
 man for bringinge my Mr. a bucke hounde ijs.
 The xixth of Maye in reward to a poore scoller that
 came frome Heynor that went to Oxeforth, by
 my Mr. his commaunde ijs.

[Fo. 17 verso.]

To Tolle, the same daye, for carreing of our
 levereis frome London to Wollaton, conteyning
 by weight — at — vjs. viij*d.*

[Fo. 18.]

To Ollyver Godbehere that he paid for my Mr
 his charges frome London to Wollaton with iiiij
 men, *viz.* at Dunstable bread and beere, ijs.,

mutton, xvjd., ollyves, ijd., a capon, ijd., checkins, xxd., frewt and cheese, viijd., wyne and suger, xxd., horsemeat, vjs., horse-shu[i]nge, iiijd., the sadler, iiijd., butter and beere [for ?] the horses vjd. : <i>in toto</i>	xvjs.	viijd.
At Northampton dynner and horsemeat.	vs.	iiijd.
At Welforthe [Welford, co. Northampton] supper and horsemeat.	viijs.	viijd.
In reward to the poore by my Mr. his com[aunderment]		xxd.
To hym more, the same daye, for his charges being sent to Formark [Foremark, co. Derby] at Coleorton one night, iiijd., and at Kegworth [co. Leicester] comming home		xd.
To Baker for his Mr. ryding charges into Lyncklenshyre (<i>sic</i>), <i>viz.</i> , at Botsworth [Bottesford, co. Leicester] for drynck, ijd. ; at Grantham for paper and waxe, vjd. ; horsemeat and mansmeat there, ix. ix. ; at his retorne one nightes charges at Grantham, xiijs. vjd. ; to the lackye for his charges to Jackson the horse leech, ijs. ; for the carrige of fower paper bookes from London, xiiijd. : <i>in toto</i>	xxviijs.	ijd.

Mensis [June, 1573].

The first of June to Rydgeley for carry[ge] of towe trunckes from London to Wollaton cont[eyning] by weighte v ^{xx} x ^l . at <i>ob. quad.</i> the pound	viijs.	
To Harrye Radforthe, the seconde of June, for my Mr. his horsemeat and Mr. George Willoughbyes at Nottingham, being a comyssyoner for Mr. Poole		xvjd.
The same daye in reward to the weates [= waits] of Nottingham by th'andes of Gr[iffith] Ryce.		xijd.
To the pryssoners of Nottingham by th'andes of Barths. Weddason, the same daye		iiijd.
The same daye by commaundement of my Mr. to a man that sarveth Mr. Willoughbye of Kent	ijs.	

[Fo. 18 *verso*.]

To Randall and Gregorye, the same day [6 June], for three tymes crying a whether in Nottingham, beinge taken and seased for my Mr.		vd.
To Harpham of Nottingham, the xj th of June, for my Mr. his men, at which tyme the muster was taken generally, being xx ^{ti}	xs.	
And for horsemeate there, the same daye		xijd.

[Fo. 19.]

The same daye [12 June] to x meades [= maids] of Bradmore [co. Nottingham] that brought x bordens of rysshes [= rushes] to Wollaton		xxd.
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[September 5.]

To Richard Woodwas for iiij dayes work making
basketes, ijs. viijd., and to his man, ijs. viijd. vs. iiijd.

[Fo. 21 verso.]

[September 12.]

The same daye to Mr. Powdrell his man for pre-
sented my Mrs. with j. basket of peares .. xiijd.
The same daye my Mrs. rydd [= rode] with Mrs.
Berin to Collwyck, in Nottingham to a pore
woman that gave my Mrs. nuttes, vjd. : to the
pore there, xvijjd. ijs. iiijd.
To John Tomlyn for the carridge of xvj c. stuffe
frome Sterb[r]edge [= Sturbridge Fair, Cam-
bridge] at ijs. the c xxxijs.

[Fo. 22.]

The same daye that George [Cam] payd for viij
dayes worke of a tayler to make the chyldren's
gownes ijs.
The same daye to L. Ryce that he paid for making
iiij pair of sockes for my Mr. vs.
To my Lorde Willoughby his musissions, by com-
[maundement] of Barths. Widdoson ijs. vjd.
To my Mrs. by th'andes of Hughe Mercer to playe
at cardes with xxxs.
To Mr. Stanhope his man for presenting my Mrs.
with cowcumbers and artychoekes vjd.
To Mr. Hollys man for presenting my Mr. with iiijdd.
[= dozen] knapes¹ iijs. iiijd.

[Fo. 22 verso.]

The same daye [13 September] to George Cam
for ij dd. [= dozen] poyntes for my Mr. ijs.
To hym for taffyta saresnet for cannyons for my
Mr.² xxd.
For the pycure of my Mr.³ xs.
And for my Mrs. pycure⁴ xxxs.

[Fo. 23.]

[September 26.]

To Edward Edllin by my Mr. commaundement for
playing before he went to Uxbridge xls.
To Mr. Bullock, feodarye, for the note under his
seale xs.

¹ Query 'bullfinches.' Cf. *New English Dictionary*, s.v. 'Nape' sb. 1

² See p. 436, note 2, below.

³ Probably the portrait of Sir Francis Willoughby now in the Saloon at Wollaton Hall. A later copy of it in the central hall (ascribed to Sibrecht in *Rambles round Nottingham*, 1856 p. 69) is dated 1573.

⁴ Probably the portrait now in the Saloon.

To Mr. Stanhopes weates, by my Mr. his com-
 [maundement] ijs.
 To Mr. Sargant Pewtrell xxxs.
 To Beck of Mydleton for bringeing nayles from
 Brymejam [= Birmingham], by commaunde-
 ment of Mr. George W[illoughby] ijs.
 To Robert Joynes that he payd at Newsted for
 lodginge and drynck, my Mrs. being there .. xijd.

[Fo. 23 verso.]

[October 1.]

The same daye to Mr. Waringe a scoller xls.

[Fo. 24.]

Mensis Octobris, 1573.

[October 1.]

The same daye to my Mrs. for her quarter's
 allowaunce xiiij*li*. vjs. viijd.
 To Ollyver Godbehere for his charges iij. tymes
 to London and back agayne xvs.
 To hym that he paid for mendinge my Mr. his
 clock vjs. iiijd.

• [Fo. 24 verso.]

To George Cam that he paid for suger candy for
 my Mrs. xvjd.

[October 10.]

To Rychard lackye for his charges iij dayes and
 iij nightes, being sent for Jackson the horse
 leecher xxjd.
 To Mr. Harr[y] Willoughby his man for bookes xlvs. viijd.

[Fo. 25.]

[October 8.]

To Thomas Tayler that he gave Sir Anthonie
 Sterley [= Strelley] his gardner for aquavytey
 [= *aqua vitæ*] ijs.
 To Mr. Sargant Powtrell for his wholle yeres an-
 newetie by th'andes of Wm. Doughtie xxxs.
 To Mr. Pate his man for presenting my Mrs. with
 ij. cheeses and a turkey ijs.
 For iiij pair of gloves for the chyldren xvjd.

[Fo. 25 verso.]

To Mr. Harry Willoughby at his departure forth of
 the countrey to London, by my Mr. his com-
 maund[ement] xls.

[Fo. 26.]

The xvjth of October to Mr. Atkinson for a paire
of garthers of Levant taffyta for my Mr.. .. vjs.

[Fo. 26 verso.]

[October 24.]

To hym [Towlle] for the carrige of the vergenalles
and ij pycetures xs.

[Fo. 27.]

To Roger that he paid for glasse for the musis-
sions chamber, v foote *dim.* ijs. ix*d.*
Knyves for the gent[el] wemen v*d.*
For ij bokes for the gent[el] wemen i*d.*

[Fo. 27 verso.]

For a manecombe [comb for the mane] and sponge
for the coeheman ijs. v*d.*
For a pair of pastrens [= shackles, hobbles] for
the coeheman.. .. . xiiij*d.*
To John Warryner for his dynner at Coleorton..
iii*d.*
For mylke for his ferretes iiiij weekes ending the
last of October xv*d.*
To Mr. Poole's man of Dawby [= Dalby, co.
Leicester] for presenting my Mrs. with quynces
and medlers ijs.

[Fo. 28.]

Mensis Novembris, 1573.

[November 1.]

For iij toringe hookes for the joyner to make
bucklers with viij*d.*
For bandes and hookes for my Mr. studdy dore..
xiij*d.*
For bandes for the dog kenelles dore i*d.*
For steeling [= providing with a handle, AS. *stela*]
an axe for John Dune xiij*d.*
To George Cam that he paid for iij yardes and j.
quarter of Myllyon [= Milan] fustian for my
Mr. ix*s.* ix*d.*
For iij yardes homes¹ fustian iiijs.
For j yarde of saresnet vjs. iiiij*d.*
Styting sylke ix*d.*
iij *dd.* [= dozen] buttons ix*d.*
Canvas iij quarters viij*d.*
Bumbaste v*d.*
For j *dd.* *dim.* crowne lace ijs. v*d.*
For karzey iij quarters *dim.* for a paire of stock-
inges for my Mr. at vjs. the yard vs. iij*d.*
For taffyta to face the same stockings v*d.*
For a skayne of sylke i*d.*

¹ Fustian made at Ulm in Germany. See *New English Dict.*, s.v. 'Holmes.'

[Fo. 28 verso.]

To Gabriell Woodnet his man for v dayes worke
in hewing stone and making a harth in the gallery
chamber xxd.

[November 7.]

To Holland that he payd for lybbinge [=lopping]
v. beeches vjd.

[Fo. 29.]

To Mr. John Sterley his man for bringinge a nurse
to my Mrs., by her commaundement xijd.
To Shawe that he paid for a paire of knyt hose
for the kytchin boye xd.
For a paire of shewes xijjd.
For v yardes of fryce [=friese] for hym at viijd.
the yard ijs. iiijd.

[November 14.]

To George [Cam] that he paid for a standishe
[=inkstand] for my Mr. xxd.
To hym [Richard Brownelawe] for spyccoktes
[=spigots] and fawcetes xij. ijd.

[Fo. 29 verso.]

[November 14.]

To Shawe that he paid for th'exchange of cxixli. vs.
in golde, by my Mr. his commaundement .. vjs.
To a pumppe maker that came owt of Darbyshyre,
by th'andes of Stokes xijd.
To Shawe for his charges v dayes being sent to
Lenton Fayre, his horse and hym selfe ijs. vjd.

[Fo. 30.]

To Thomas Cowertnaye, the xxvj^{the} of November,
for iiij shewes for the sorrell colt xijd.
Baye Somers iij shewes ixjd.
Whyte Cortall ij shewes vjd.
The graye geldinge ij shewes vjd.
Dune Wilson j shewe iijjd.
ij removes¹ for the graye geldinge.. .. . ijd.
iiij removes for the stawkinge horse iiijjd.
ij removes for Dune Wilson iijjd.
ij removes for whyte Cortall ijd.
ij drenches for whyte Saunders and my Mr. his
cortall xvjd.
ij shewes for Cortall foxe.. .. . vjd.
To Thomas Woodshawe for his charges frome
Mydleton to Wollaton with iiij swannes xxd.

¹ Old shoes used over again. See *New English Dictionary*, s.v. 'remove,'
sb. 2b.

To Thomas Tayler for his charges to Leicester beinge sent for oysters for my Mrs., and his horse	xxijd.
And for iiij c. oysters at <i>xd.</i> the c.	iijs. iiijd.
To George Camm for his charges to Newarke, beinge there with my Mrs. gowne to forre [=fur] iiij days	iijs.
To hym that he payd to a tayler for iiij dayes woorke making my Mr. his cote and hose	xijd.
And to the same tayler for making my Mr. his dublet ij dayes	viijd.
For browne threed	vd.
To George Cam for his charges to Newarke to bye my Mr. his cote clothe, lying there j night	xxd.
For suger and penedyce ¹ for my Mrs. by George	xxjd.
To a vergenall player by th'andes of B. Wedoson	iijs. iiijd.
To iiij men that range for the coronacyon of the queene, by Hugh Mercer	vjd.
To my Lorde Tawbote [= Talbot] his players..	xxs.
To Nyxe his sonne for presenting my Mrs. with oysters, by th'andes of the cater	xijd.
For iiij queere of paper for merche panes ²	xd.
For wastels bought by James Jakes	iiijd.

[Fo. 30 verso.]

For makinge a jerkin, dublet and breeches for the kitchin boye	xvjd.
To George Cam that he paid for iiij yardes and a half of freers graye for my Mr. his cote and gaskin ³ hose, at <i>ixs.</i> the yard	xxxjs. vjd.
To hym for j yard <i>dim.</i> of bayes to lyne my Mr. his cote and ij pair of cannyans ⁴	iijs. ixd.
For j yarde <i>dim.</i> of fustian to lyne the bodye of the same cote	xvd.
Buttons iiij <i>dd.</i>	ixd.
For sylke for the same cote	vjd.
For j oz. quarter of lace for my Mr. his hose . .	ijs. iiijd.
To hym more that he payd for ij elles of lawne for my Mrs.	xxs.
To hym for iiij loome workes for the ge[ntel]- wem[en]	ixs. iiijd.
And for v. loome workes	xs.
For ij buttes of threed	viijs. viijd.
For j <i>li.</i> of whyte threed.. . . .	iijs. viijd.
For a red skyn	xijd.
For a whyte skyn	vjd.

¹ Sticks of barley-sugar, used as a remedy for colds. See *New English Dictionary, s.v.* 'Penide.'

² The confection known as "marchpane." See *New English Dictionary, s.v.*

³ See *New English Dictionary, s.v.* 'Gaskin,' 1.

⁴ The external rolls at the lower ends of breeches. See *New English Dictionary, s.v.* 'canion.'

For iij yardes of mockado ¹	vjs.	vd.
For j <i>li.</i> of crewell ²	vs.	iijd.
For neales for cheares	vs.	
For <i>dim. li.</i> of ferret sylke	viijs.	
For vj. quysshens	xxxxs.	
For vj more red skynnes	vjs.	
For a paire of whyte Frenche garthers for an upper band	iijs.	
To the joyner for making a cheare for Mrs. Underne the last weeke.		xvjd.

[Fo. 31.]

[November 28.]

To Greene that he paid for boeet hyer at Clyfton, my Mr. beinge there		xijd.
To the cater that he paid for the musission his horsemeat at Nottingham, his horse being tyerd		iiijd.
To John Corson of Nottingham for vj ^{xxv} yardes of fryce, at xiiijd. the yard.	vijli.	xvijs. ixd.
To George Cam that he paid for ij yardes 3 quarters fryce for my Mr. his jerkin, at xxiijd. the y[arde]	vs.	
Jene [= Genoa] fustion for the same jerkins (<i>sic</i>)	xxijd.	
Levent [= Levant] taffyta for the same jerkin	xijd.	
For sylke and buttons	xijd.	
To hym that he paid for vj sheepe skynnes for quysheins	ijs.	
For browne threed and rybben for cortens		ixd.
For a yard of stript canves for Mrs. Bridget	ijs.	
For a vardingale [= farthingale] for Mrs. Wene- fride	ijs.	vjd.
To Atuell Woode for iij dayes worke making a gr[eat] cowle [= tub] for the stable, a gr[eat] loome [= vessel], a forme and a tundishe for the buttrye	ijs.	viijd.
To the vergenall player by th'andes of B. Wid- dosen	vs.	
To a mayd of Nottingham for presenting my Mrs. with aples		xijd.

[Fo. 31 verso.]

To Kighley by the handes of John Hall for christning his childe in my Mr. his name	iijs.	iiijd.
To Astell the vergenall player by th'andes of Hughe Mercer	xs.	
To a poore man of Beesson [= Beeston, Notts] for presenting my Mrs. with ij woodcockes		vjd.

¹ A kind of cloth. See *New English Dictionary*, s.v.² The yarn so called.

To Georg [Cam] for iij cawves [= calves'] skynnes for quysheins	vs.	
For j. thowzand gylt nayles		xxd.
To the cater, viz. iij pannes, lvjs.; chafing disshes ij.—xiijs.; chamber pottes, ij.—ijs. viijd.; scomers, j.—ijs.; collenders, j.—ijs.; for the change of lviij <i>li</i> . of brasse, ix. vjd.; ladle, ij.—ijs. iiijd.; for the exchaunge of a steeling ¹ pott, iijjs.; frying pannes, j.—ijs. iiijd.; for the exchaunge of 77 <i>li</i> . of pewter at ijd. <i>ob</i> . the pounde, xvjs.; vj. platters, xiiij disshes and xij sawcers, at viijd. the pounde, xxxjs.; candle wyck, vjs. viijd.; a well rope, ijs. vjd.; a rope for the clocke and a trease [= trace], xiijd.; 1 pair of treas [= traces], iijjs.; halters iij.—vjd.; whyp corde, ijd.; cokshut ² corde, xijd.: <i>in toto</i>xiijs.		iiijd.

[Fo. 32.]

Mensis Decembris, 1573.

[December 5.]

For ij longe swerde hyltes		xxd.
For a throthenng ³ and a corke		viijd.
For j. pair of malebraces ⁴		xxd.
To Robson and his fellawe for iij dayes worke a peece in cutting woode for charcoles.		xxd.

[Fo. 32 verso.]

[December 12.]

To Nyxe his sonne for oringes by th'and of Hugh Mercer		xijd.
To John Cawverd that he paid for a bill to George Hethcot for a stoole for my Mrs.		xiiijd.
To John Barr for viij sheepe skynnes for Nead the uppolster		iiijjs.
To a man for shavings of hornes for my Mrs. Flowers that came frome London		viijd.
To John Cawverd for vj c. settes for the Dayhowse Closse.		ijs.
To Towlle for the carridge of a do to London . .		vjs. viijd.
For ij c. xiiij <i>li</i> . carridge, viz., orringes v c.; iij c. lemans; x realmes of paper and bookes for my Mr.		xiiijjs.

¹ Distilling ?² Cord for catching birds in a cockshoot. See *New English Dictionary* under the latter word.³ Query meaning. For 'throating' ?⁴ Braces or straps for mails (travelling bags) ?

[Fo. 33.]

To George Cam that he paid for xj yardes of clothe for the gent[el] wemen's gownes at ix ^s . the yard . . . . .	.. .. .	iiij ^{li} .	xix ^s .
To hym for iiij <i>dd</i> . rebben . . . . .	.. .. .	xjs.	iiij ^d .
For v yardes of mockado to lyne the sleeves . .	ixs.	ij ^d .	
For announce and a quarter of greene sylke . .	ijs.	iiij ^d .	
For v. oz. and a quarter of lace	xs.	viiij ^d .	
For a yard <i>dim</i> . of stamell frysado	ixs.	vj ^d .	
For iiij. quarte[r]s of mockado for the petyco boddyes . . . . .	.. .. .	xvj ^d .	
For rebben to bynde the wastes . . . . .	.. .. .	vj ^d .	
For iiij. yardes <i>dim</i> . of fustian to make iiij. wast- cotes . . . . .	.. .. .	iiij ^s .	j ^d .
For j. yard quarter of buckarome . . . . .	.. .. .	xd.	
For hookes and eis . . . . .	.. .. .	viiij ^d .	
For ij yardes of cotten for rowles . . . . .	.. .. .	xiiij ^d .	

[Fo. 33 verso.]

[December 19.]

The xix th of December to the barber for trym- ynge my Mr. . . . . .	.. .. .	xij ^d .	
To a lackye that sought spyce, by my Mr. . .	.. .. .	vj ^d .	
To the cater for iiij. saltes for the hall . . .	.. .. .	iiij ^d .	
For xvij. jugges . . . . .	.. .. .	viijs.	iiij ^d .
Waxe lightes <i>iiij^{li}</i>. . . . .	.. .. .	iijs.	
For a pair of tables for the hall . . . . .	.. .. .	ijs.	vj ^d .
For ij. <i>ll</i> . of glew to the joyner . . . . .	.. .. .	viiij ^d .	
For rysshes, paid by Ellyzabeth . . . . .	.. .. .	xviiij ^d .	

[Fo. 34.]

To Stringer for vj. dayes worke makinge a wheele
for the pumpe

Wages paid at Christmas.

The xxvjth of December, my Mrs. xiiij^{li}. vjs. viij^d. ;
Mrs. Ellyzabeth, xxs. ; Johan Poker, xs. ; Johan
Beardmore, vs. and for her leeverey, vs. ; Ellyz.
Haye, vs. ; Alice Launderes, xs. ; Margerye
Garner, vs. ; Margerye Parleby vjs. viij^d. ;
Harry Willoughby, xxxiijs. iiij^d. ; Wm. Blythe,
xiijs. iiij^d. ; John Pen, xs. ; L. Ryce, xiijs. iiij^d. ;
Hugh Mercer, xs. ; Gr. Ryce, xiijs. iiij^d. ; Hol-
lande, xiijs. iiij^d. ; George Cam, xxxs. ; Wm.
Bradshawe, xiijs. iiij^d. ; Thomas Tayler, xs. ;
Thomas Belper, xiijs. iiij^d. ; the coecheman, xv^s. ;
Harry Radforth, xs. ; William Stoekes, xs. ;
John Dune, iiij^s. ; John Borros, vjs. viij^d. ;
Richard Lackye, vjs. viij^d. ; Thomas Stoekes,
vjs. viij^d. ; John Cawverd, xs. ; shepperd of
Arr[nold] xs. iiij^d. ; shepperd of Basford,

xs. iiij*d.*; Leemyng, xs.; John Boothe, viijs. iiij*d.*; William Carter, vjs. viij*d.*; John Warryner, xiijs. iiij*d.*; Thomas Shawe, xxs.; Roger Collyer, xiijs. iiij*d.*; William Darby, xs.; John Scot, vjs. viij*d.*; Robert Mason, viijs. iiij*d.*; William Martyn, xxvs.; Wrigley, xxs.; James Cooke, xiijs. iiij*d.*; John Kettle, iijs. iiij*d.*; John Mee, vjs. viij*d.*; Sir John Herot, xlvs.; Foxe, xs.; the musission, *vli.*; the boye of the kytkin, iijs. iiij*d.* [*amount struck out*]; Merycokes, the clarke of the churche, vs.; and Mary Scrowin, vs.: *in toto*xlviij*li.* ix*s.* viij*d.*

[Fo. 34 verso.]

To John Bennet that he paid for Tycknall [Ticknall, co. Derby] potes ijs. ii*d.*
 And for the carridge of the same pottes x*d.*
 To a tayler for iiij dayes healping George [Cam] to make the gent[el] wemen's gownes xv*d.*
 For a yard of russet fustion for pocketes x*d.*
 To Barr for xiiij sheepe skynnes *delivered* to George [Cam] for quysseins [= cushions] and cheares vs. v*d.*
 To Mr. Atkinson for xlv yardes of canvas at viij*d.*
ob. the yard for table clothesxxx*s.* x*d.*
 For gunpowdre ij *ll.* *delivered* [to] Gr. Ryce ijs. v*d.*

[Fo. 35.]

1574.

Mensis Januarii, 1573[-4].

To Wm. Nyxe his sonne for presentinge my Mrs. with a lombstare [= lobster ?] iii*d.*
 To Edlin, the musission, for playing at my Mr. his chamber dore on Newyeres Daye vs.
 To my Lorde of Woster's playersxiijs. iii*d.*
 To Greene that he gave the Corneshe men by my Mr. his comaundement xi*d.*
 To Arnolde fyddler, by commaundement of B. Widd[oson] v*d.*
 To iiij singers of Darby, by com[maundement] of my Mr. xi*d.*
 To v. players that dyd not playe before my Mr. ijs. v*d.*
 To a harper by th'andes of Barths. Widdoson v*d.*
 To John Cawverd for xj c. fleake [=hurdle] nayles ijs. x*d.*

[Fo. 35 verso.]

To Harry Hunte of Lenton by th'andes of Blythe for christninge his chylde in my Mr. his name iiij*s.*
 To vij players that came frome Hull iijs. iii*d.*
 To Hughe [Mercer] that he gave Norce Gunne, vs.; Norce Mount, vs.; Norce Gudwyne, vs.; Mrs. Undern, vs.xx*s.*

To a poore man that came forth of Irelande, by my Mr. his comaundement	vjd.
To the weates of Lester, by my Mr. his com- [maundement]	ijs.
To the cater for iij yardes of clothe for the mayd to buck [= wash] with	xxijd.
To Blythe that he paid for a whyte sylver bowle, cont[eyning] v. oz. quarter <i>dim.</i> at vs. viijd. the oz.	xxxxs. vd. ob.
For ij. sylver flagons, by th'andes of my Mr. xxix <i>li.</i>	vjs.
To Wm. Steward for xij. dayes healping in the kytchin this Christmas tyme	ijs.
To Attuell Wood for the lyke, xij. dayes	xijd.
To Twyttchell for xij dayes tornyng spyttes	ijs.
To a boye for tornyng xij dayes	ijs.
To Blunt for ix weekes lodging the musissions	iijs.

[Fo. 36.]

To Staumforth, Mr. Stanhope's man, by th'andes of B. Wedoson, for bringing ij flagons	xijd.
And at Shelford by the same Barths., my Mr. beinge there: <i>viz.</i> the buttler, ijs.; the cooke, ijs.; the chamberlin, ijs.; the horskeper, xijd.; the pore, vjd.; and for ferryla, vjd.: <i>in toto</i>	ixs. (<i>sic</i>)
To John Hunte of Nottingham for ij bottles of muskadell [wine] that he presented to my Mrs	iijs. iiijd.
To Norce Moute at her departure awaye frome my Mrs.	vs.
To Hugh Mercer that he gave to a harper	vjd.
To Ellyzabeth that she paid for risshes	vs. ijd.
To the cater for matche, <i>ixd.</i> ; for vij <i>li.</i> <i>dim.</i> of gune powder <i>delivered</i> to Gr. Ryce at xvd. the ll.— <i>ixs.</i> iiijd.	xs. jd.

[Fo. 36 verso.]

To a pore man that had his howse borned, by th'andes of Hughe Mercer	xijd.
To the weates of Nottingham, by Roger Cater	xijd.
For lyne for the cockglode ¹ <i>delivered</i> the joyner	xijd.
To the cater for mending a silver bowle	xijd.

[Fo. 37.]

To Hugh Mercer that he paid for my Mr. his charges at Newarke, <i>viz.</i> Mounday nighte supper for vj men	vjs. viijd.
Tewisdaye daynner (<i>sic</i>) for vj men	iijs. vjd.
For a lynck there	vjd.
Tewisday supper vj. men	vs.
Wedinsday breakfast	ijs.
Fyer there	ijs.

¹ A 'cockglade,' or cockshoot (see p. 438, note 2). Cf. *Duke of Rutland's MSS.*, iv, pp. 466, 472, and *New English Dict.*, s.vv. 'glade, sb. 1b,' 'glode, sb. 2.'

Playing monye to my Mr.	ijs.
Boet hyer there	vjd.
Horsmeat there in this said tyme	xviijs. vjd.
To the poore there	viijd.

[Fo. 37 verso.]

To Fowler and Robson for dyking and plasheing the Cowe Closse hedge, cont[ayning] xxxij acars, at xijd. the acar ¹	xxxijjs.
To the Cornesheman for wrastlinge before my Mr. and Mr. Stanhope	ijs.
To Mr. Stanhoppes weates, by th'andes of Blythe	ijs.

[Fo. 38.]

Mensis February, 1573[-4].

To hym [the cater] more for xxiii <i>li</i> . of hoppes	xs. vjd.
To hym for Systers threed	xijd. ob.
To George Cam for a sheepsbyn for pocketes for my Mr.	vd.

[Fo. 39.]

To Thomas Tayler for his charges to Leister, beinge sent with a letter to my Ladye Huntington (<i>sic</i>), lying forth j night	xxiijd.
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[Fo. 39 verso.]

For a sute of black net worke geven to my Lady Stanhope	xxijjs.
For v. cutte worke ruffes geven to my L. Stan[hope]	xxiijs. iiijd.
For a boxe of starche for my Mr. his shertes	viijs. vjd.
To a scoller, by th'andes of Baker	ijs.
To Mrs. Underne's man for presentinge my Mrs. with iij. myllyons [= melons], by th'andes of Hugh Mercer	iiijd.
To the bookebynder for brymyng (<i>sic</i>) my Mr. his bookes, by the handes of Blythe	vjd.
To v. musissions that came with a playe, by th'andes of Hughe [Mercer]	ijs.
To a gerle that was my Mr. his vallentyne	xijd.
To Blythe that he paid for iiij. yardes of lace for my Mr. his bookes.	xd.
To Wilson and his fellawe for xvij. dayes work a peece makeinge charcoles at iiijd. the daye, beinge borded in the howse.	xjs. iiijd.

[Fo. 40.]

To Roger Tyler for one thowzand tyle	xvjs.
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¹ The acre as a measure of length. See *New English Dictionary*.

[Fo. 40 verso.]

Mensis Marche, 1574.

Provisioun at Hull.—To the cater for j. tonne *dim.*
of clarret wyne at xvli. the tune xxijli. xs.
Heringes, whyte, iiij. barrelles. vli. xijd.
Red heringes, v. cades at xjs. vjd. the cade . . lvijs. vjd.
Sprattes, ij. cades at xxijd. the cade iijs. viijd.
Sturgeon. j. fyrkin xxvjs. viijd.
For custome. iijs.
For owte gate xijd.
For portage vjd.
For spenege¹ vjd.
For ferryla [= ferry-charge] frome Hull to Barton
[-on-Humber, co. Lincoln] xd.
Geven to the keelemen [= bargemen] xijd.
To Gayneesborro (*sic*) vjs.
For lodinge at Gaynesborro vjd.
For the cater his charges and his horse x dais xxiijs. vd.
And for frostinge vjd.
For the carridge of ij. tonne iiij. quarters at xjs.
the ton xxxs. iijd.
For watchinge at Trent Brigges vjd.

Rydinge ch[arges].—To Broome his charges and ij.
horses for bringng cogges and roundes² frome
Mydleton xxd.
To Gr. Ryce for his dynner and horse at Bever xd.

[Fo. 41.]

Necessaries.—To Roger Collyer for iiij.
pair of shewes for the gent[el] wemen, ijs. vjd.;
lether for the pumpe, xijd.; iiij dd. bedstaves,
ijs.; to the booke bynder for iiij. queere of paper
ryall, iijs.; and for byndinge and coveringe the
same, xijd.; and for one other booke of paper
for paymentes, ijs.: *in toto*. vjs.

[Fo. 41 verso.]

To Hugh and v. others of my Mr. his men for
there dynners at Nottingham, my Mr. and my
Mrs. beinge bothe there at Mr. Markham's at
dynner vs. iiijd.
To the pore there by Hugh xd.
To Raper and his fellowes for vij days castinge
connye clappers³ at vd. the daye ijs. xjd.
To James Dale for palinge xx^{ti} acres at ijs. the
acer⁴ xls.

¹ Read 'spoonage' or 'spooning.' Cf. p. 448.

² Vessels and tubs.

³ Rabbit burrows, etc. See *New English Dictionary*, s.v. 'clapper,' sb. 2

⁴ The acre as a measure of length. See *New English Dictionary*.

[Fo. 42.]

To Water Tayler for viij washe¹ of oysters and
for charges from Dunesbye vjs. viijd.
To my L[ord] Edward Seamer his man for bring-
ing letters from the cowert [= court], by
th³andes of my Mr. xxs.
To Mr. Scott for cūj*li*. *dim.* of iren at xiijs. *vd.*,
for cij*li*. of iren xiijs. *ij*d. for byndinge ij pair of
coeche wheeles xxviijs. viijd.

[Fo. 43.]

To the coecheman to bye his surplis, by my Mrs.
commandement iijs. viijd.
To George Cam for cloth to make my Mr. a pair
of stockes, *vs.*; for sylke to styche them, *ij*d.;
for bockarome for the cannyons,² *ij*d.; for j yard
and j. quarter stript canves to make jorietes,³
*iijs. iiij*d.; for cloth to lyne theym, *xij*d.; hookes
and eies, *ij*d.; for greene karsey for vardingales,⁴
ijs.: *in toto* xjs. *vj*d.

[Fo. 43 verso.]

Mensis Aprilis, 1574.

To Norce Gune at her departure, by th³andes of
my Mrs. xxs.

[Fo. 45.]

For a pair of knyt hose for my Mrs. vjs.
For aquavitye [= *aqua vitæ*] viijd.
To the cater for xliij*ll.* hoppes, *xvijs. vj*d.; for
j *dd.* mynnykyns,⁵ *iijs.*; inckle,⁶ *jd.*; sope,
*vj*d.; bolter, *iiij*d. [etc.]

[Fo. 45 verso.]

To the keeper of Roben Hoodes well, by Hugh *vs.*
To Mr. Pates man for bringinge a horse for the
water pytt, *per* Baker *xij*d.

[Fo. 46 verso.]

To Mr. Astell the vergenall player *xs.*
To Mr. Banyster for a plaster for my Mrs. syde *iijs.*
A cordiall of losinges *iijs.*

¹ A 'wash' of oysters weighs 60lb. See *English Dialect Dict.*

² See page 436, note 4, above.

³ Doublets (Old French *jargot*).

⁴ Farthingales, hooped petticoats.

⁵ Small pins. See *New English Dictionary, s.v.* 'Minikin.'

⁶ Tape.

For a syrrop, xvjd.; a noyntement of oyle of
 maces, iiij^s.; a lectuary [=electuary], iiij^s.;
 ij. preparatives, vijs. vjd.; a purgacion for
 Margery Parelby, ijs. vjd. xixs. iiijd.
 A cordyall with muske perle and ambergrece . . iiij^s.

[Fo. 48.]

Mensis Maye, 1574.

To Mr. Banister for conserve rosemayrye flowers
 and synamond comfyttes for my Mrs. vjs.
 To Ser Jarvis Clyfton's man for presenting my
 Mrs. with iiij. herinshawes [=young herons],
 by Borroes ijs. vjd.

[Fo. 49 verso.]

To Helyot of Ilston [=Ilkeston, co. Derby] for
 the carridge of iiij. lodes of bordes frome Hallam
 Wood to Wollaton viijs.

[Fo. 50.]

To Tole for bringinge a paire of virgenalls from
 London xiijs. iiijd.
 To Henry Draycotte that he paid at Higham to the
 captaine, vjd.; to my Lordes melters of leade,
 xijd.; to my Mr. there, xijd.; to a woman, ijs.;
 to ij men, vjd.; for candells, iiijd.; to a boye,
 ijd.; to a pore man, ijd.; to the horsekeepers
 at Chatsworthe, xijd. vjs. viijd.
 To Oliver Godebehere for the charges of my Mr.
 and others to Buckstons [=Buxton, co. Derby]
 and at Matlock xxvijs. iiijd.

[Fo. 52 verso.]

Mensis June, 1574.

[Fo. 53.]

To John Tyrer for iij. cannon bittes¹ viijs.

[Fo. 54 verso.]

To the captayne of the Corneshemen, by th'andes
 of Hugh Mercer xxs.
 To Mr. Markham's man by Blythe, by commande
 of my Mrs., to his man to set up his occupacion
 in Nottingham. xs.

[Fo. 55 verso.]

Mensis Julii, anno 1574.

To the joyner his iij men for v daies worke a peece
 in makinge a howse for the water pitt vs.

¹ Smooth round bits for horses. See *New English Dict.*, s.v. 'cannon,' sb. 4.

[Fo. 59.]

To th'erle of Essex his players for playing twyce
before my Mr. xxxs.
To *uxor* Belper by th'andes of Mrs. Margret for
christninge her chylde vs.
To my Mr. by th'andes of Harry Drecot to
playe xs.
To the keeper's wiffe of Sterley [= Strelley, co.
Notts] by Harry Willoughby for drinck, my
Mr. and my Mrs. beinge there ijs.
To my Mrs. by th'andes of Margery Parelby to
playe xls.

[Fo. 60.]

To my Lord Mouteigle's players, by commande
of my Mr. xs.
To my Mrs. by th'andes of my Mrs. Ellyzabeth at
ther rydinge to my Lady Rutland xxs.
To Blunt that he paid for a hat for my Mr. . . xiijs.
To Smales for a pair of bootes for my Mr., vjs.;
and paid for a pair of pumpes, xiiij*d.*; for iij
pair of chyldeen shoes, xvj*d.*: *in toto* . . . viijs. vjd.
To Greene that he paid for xxxvj *dd.* of blew lace
for our coetes at xxd. the *dd.* iij*li.*

[Fo. 61 verso.]

Mensis Augusti, anno 1574.

To George Cam that he paid for my Mrs. being in
progres with my Ladye Rutland, *viz.* at Newark
viiij horses j night, vjs. viij*d.* [Details of expen-
diture at Tuxforth, Worksop, Bakewell, and
Chesterfeeld]: *in toto* lixs. vd.

[Fo. 63.]

To Edward the coecheman for xviiij *dd.* horsbread
bought for my Lord of Rutland and the countis
of Huntington at there being at Wollaton . . xviijs.
To George Cam that he delivered my Mrs. to playe
at my Lord of Rutland his howse, xxs.; in
reward there, xviijs. iij*d.* [and other charges].
To him [Blythe] more for his charges and Fen's at
Boston j. night, xviiij*d.*; dynners and horsemeat
at Pynchebeck, xd.; charges with the fowlers at
Crowland, vjd.; . . . for carridge of the fowle
frome Crowland to Spawldinge, vjd.; eles for
the fowlle there, iij*d.* vijs.

[Fo. 65.]

Mensis Septembris, 1574.

To my Lord of Sussex his players by comande- ment of my Mr.	xs.	
To iij pore sojors by th'andes of B. Wedoson . .		xijd.
To my Mrs. by th'andes of Baker to playe with	xs.	

[Fo. 65 verso.]

To John Edlin that he payd for vj. knottes of lute stringes		xvjd.
To Mother Gregory for santwary [= centaury] for my Mrs.		xijd.

[Fo. 66.]

To Mr. Pate that my Mr. lost at bowles by the handes of Hugh	vs.	
To a man that playd with a nape [= an ape], by command of my Mrs.		vjd.

[Fo. 68.]

Mensis Octobris, 1574.

Provissheon at Storbridge [details, including
"cotten weeke, iiiij*li.* 3 quarters, vjs. iiiij*d.*,"
"Wadmole,¹ lx yardes, xxxs.," travelling ex-
penses of Foxe and Ryves, etc.]

To Thoms Tailer that he paid for his charges to
London, being sent for Docter Smythe, *viz.* at
Leister, *xd.*; at Welford, *xvjd.*; at Brickell, *xd.*,
at Sant Tawbons [= Saint Albans], *xviijd.*;
ij dayes *dim.* at London, *ijs. vjd.*; iij dayes for
Docter Smyth his horse and other ij horses,
iiijs. iiijd.; for vij shewes for the Docter's horse
and myne, *xxiijd.*; at Dunstable iij men and
ij horses, *vs. iiijd.*; at Northampton, *ijs. viiijd.*;
at Welforth, *iiijs. viiijd.*; at Leicester, *ijs. vjd.*;
horshewing there, *iijd.*; for the hyer of a horse
at Leister and a man to deliver hym back agayne,
iijs. : in toto xxxjs. viiijd.

[Fo. 69 verso.]

To Mrs. Banyster for a swoninge water [= a remedy against fainting] for my Mrs.	vs.	
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[Fo. 71.]

To Thomas Cowertney for trymynge my Mrs. her teethe, by th'andes of Mrs. Fryswith		xijd.
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¹ Coarse cloth.

[Fo. 71 verso.]

To Thoms Gardner for distyllinge Docter Stevens' water, by command of my Mrs. ijs. iiijd.

[Fo. 72 verso.]

For the charges of a geldinge which Docter Smyth ryd on to London, viz. at London iiij. dayes, ijs., and to Wollaton, iijs. viijd. : *in toto* . . vjs. viijd.
 To Leake for xxvj oz. of blew lace for our leveris, at ijs. ijd. the oz. lvjs. iiijd.
 To a man of Sir Fowke Grevle's (*sic*) that brought beares ijs.

[Fo. 73.]

To Roger Collyer that he paid for iij. hh. [= hogs-heads] of clarrred wyne, xij*li*. xv*s*. ; ij. barr[els], xv*s*. ; tar, ij. barr[els], xv*s*. ; sponenge¹ the wyne, vjd. ; geven at Hull by my Mr. xviijd. ; for openyng ij barr[els], ijd. : *in toto* . . xiii*li*. viijs. ijd.

[Fo. 73 verso.]

Mensis Novembris, 1574.

To George Cam that he paid for xlv. yardes of changable [= shot] mockado at xxiijs. the yarde, iii*li*. v*s*. ; xx^{ti} oz. iij qrs. byllyment² lace for the cheldren gownes, xl*s*. vjd. ; for ij. oz. grene sylke, iijs. ; iiij*dd*. greene rebben, xi*s*. ; xxj. yarde bockarome, xi*s*. viijd. ; ij. yarde fustion to lyne the boddyes, xxijd. ; iij yarde *dim.* of Levant taffyta, ix*s*. iiij*dd*. ; vij yarde cotten, v*s*. iijd. ; j. yarde Pawmpelyon,³ iiij*dd*. ; j yarde iij. qrs fryceado,⁴ viijs. ; iij qrs. red mockado, xvjd. ; iij. qrs. fustion, viijd. ; iij. elles *dim.* chaungable taffyta for Mrs. Elliz. gowne, xli*s*. ; j. ellne *dim.* of canvas for my Mr. his dublet, iijs. iijd. ; iij qrs. cowers canvas, xjd. ; j. yard iij. qrs. callyco, iijs. viijd. ; . . . *dim.* qr. greene velvet, ijs. vjd. ; j. butt black threed, iijs. viijd. ; graye threed, vjd. ; to a tayler that dyd healp George to worke, iijs. ; for his charges ix. dayes, beinge sent to London to bye these parcelles, ix*s*. ; horsemeat, iijs. xd. ; . . . for viij. arrow heades for my Mrs., xiiiij*dd*. ; for my Mr. his cloake, viz. velvet for the coller, v*s*. vjd. ; j. ellne of camebrick for ruffes for my Mr., viijs. ; viij. yarde bonelace

¹ Cf. 'spenage,' p. 443.

² Habiliment.

³ Pampilion, a kind of fur. See *New Engl. Dict.*

⁴ Frisadoe.

for bed cortens, xvjd.; . . . ij. yarges
dim. and *dim.* qr. Turkey collar for my Mr. his
 cloke at viijs. viijd. the yard, xxijs. xd. (*sic*);
 . . . for iij. qrs. *dim.* of fyne karsey for
 a pair of stokes for my Mr., iijs. viijd.; . . .
 to Margery Parelby that she paid for ix. shadowes¹
 for the cheldren, vjs. xvj*li.* xs. jd.

[Fo. 74 verso.]

To Jesson for makeinge Mrs. Ellizabeth her grave	iijd.
To the barber for trymmynge my Mr.	xijd.
To Mr. Dynmock his mussissions	xijd.
To Mr. Banyster for openynge Mrs. Ellizabeth . .	xs.

[Fo. 75 verso.]

To Mr. Banester for ij. graynes of muske, vjd.;
*metredatum.*² vs.; treakle,³ xvjd.; anyntement
 for Mrs. Bridget, xijd.; for a plaster, xijd.;
 a lecktuary [= electuary], xvjd.; a locatretryna,⁴
 xxd.: *in toto* xjs. xd.

[Fo. 76 verso.]

Mensis Decembris, 1574.

Christmas wages.—To my Mrs. for her allowance,
 xii*li.* vjs. viijd.; Mrs. Meeringe, xxs.; Johan
 Poker, xs.; Ellizabeth Hayes, vs.; Margery
 Parleby, vjs. viijd.; Marye Scroin, vs.; Norce
 Devis, xvs.; Richard Willoughby, xxs.; William
 Blythe, xiijs. iiijd.; Thoms Shawe, xxs.;
 Gr[iffith] Ryce], xiijs. iiijd.; L. Ryce, xiijs. iiijd.;
 John Pen, xs.; Hugh Mercer, xs.; Ollyver
 Holland, xiijs. iiijd.; George Cam, xxxs.;
 Thoms Tayler, xs.; Ed. Overtheman, xvs.; H.
 Radforth, xs.; Wm. Stoekes, xs.; John Dune,
 iijs.; John Borrowes, xjs. viijd.; Rychard
 Lackye, vjs. viijd.; Thoms Stokes, xs.; John
 Calverd, xs.; shepperd, Arnolde, xs. iiijd.;
 shepperd, Basforth, xs. iiijd.; John Boeth, viijs.
 iiijd.; Wm. Carter, viijs. iiijd.; John Smyth,
 viijs. iiijd.; Thoms Broghtin', viijs. iiijd.;
 Augustyne, viijs. iiijd.; John Warryner, xiijs.
 iiijd.; Roger Collyer, xiijs. iiijd.; Robert Mason,
 viijs. iiijd.; Martyn, keeper, xvs.; Richard

¹ Toys or garments ?

² Mithridatum. See page 410, note 4, above.

³ See page 355, note 2, above.

⁴ For *aloes Socotrina* (Socotra aloes) ?

Wrigley, *xxs.* ; James Cooke, *xiijs. iiijd.* ; John Kettle, *ijs. iiijd.* ; Robert Foxe, *xs.* ; ij boyes of the kitchin, *vjs. iiijd.* ; Wm. Darby, *xls.* ; Nycoles Bull, *xs.* ; Thomas wheelewright, *viijs. iiijd.* ; the clarke of the church, *vs.* ; Harry Ball, the myller, *xxxxs.* ; Jeffrey Pheney, myller, *dim. qr., xijs. vjd.* ; *uxor* Sprey for washeinge kitchen clothe, *xijd.* ; Thoms Belper, *xxs.* : *in toto*—Wm. Baker, *xvjs. viijd.* .. *xliijli. ijs. xd. (sic)*

[Fo. 77.]

To Mr. Banyster, *viz.* oyles, *xijd.* ; cordyall flowers, *xijd.* ; mayden heare and santwary, *xijd.* ; a jellope,¹ *ijs.* ; oyle of roses, *xviijd.* ; diacodi,² *xijd.* ; anepitathony,³ *ijs. vjd.* ; a plaster, *viijs.* ; pylles, *xvjd.* : *in toto* *xxs. iiijd.*
 To the Ducheman of Nottingham for dyinge *x* yardes of stamell⁴ for my Mrs. at *vjs.* the yarde, *iiijli.* ; and to the walker [= fuller] for dressinge the same cloth, *iijs. iiijd.* : *in toto* *iiijli. iijs. iiijd.*

[Fo. 77 verso.]

To George Kam for Docter Smyth charges and to his goinge towardes London, *viz.* at Lester *j.* night, *viijs. vjd.* ; at Northampton, *xs. vjd.* ; back agayne at Leister, *ijs. viijd.* ; and at Sawley [co. Derby], *ijd.* : *in toto* *xxijs. xd.*
 To Docter Smythe in rewarde for his paynes, by command of my Mr. *xiiijli. vjs. viijd.*
 To the weates of Nottingham, by th'andes of Blunt *xijd.*
 To *v.* players of Darby, by Wm. Blythe *ijs.*
 To a harper the same tyme *vjd.*

[Fo. 79.]

Mensis Januarye, 1574[-5].
 And for an almenack for my Mr., by Blythe *iiijd.*

[Fo. 79 verso.]

To the mydwyffe, by th'andes of Norce Gune .. *xls.*
 To Baker that he paid for my Mr. his charges rydinge to my Lorde Willoughbye his howse with *iiij^{or.}* men [details] *lvijjs. ix^{d.}*

¹ A preparation of jalap ?

² Diacodium, an opiate prepared in the form of syrup from poppy-heads.

³ For hepaticon (a liver remedy) ?

⁴ Coarse cloth.

[Fo. 81 verso.]

Mensis Februarye, 1574[-5].

To players that came from Brystoe, at my Mrs. commaundement	x ^s .
To the churche wardeynes for Mrs. Elizabethes buriall in the churche	iijs. iiij ^d .
To Wastneis the phisicion, by my Mrs.	x ^s s.

[Fo. 82 verso.]

To the singing men of Derby, by William Stokes	xij ^d .
To Sir Folke Greville's berewarde	vj ^d .
To Banester for a glyster [= clyster] and vyles [= vials] for Mrs. Anne	vs. vj ^d .
To two phesicians, by my Mr.	x ^s s.
To two children being valentyne to my Mr. and Mrs.	xij ^d .
To Toll for carryage of two trunckes to London	x ^s s ^s .

[Fo. 83.]

For a quarter of blew taffetey for my Mrs. boote howse [= hose]	ij ^s . vj ^d .
For half a yard of Jenes ¹ for lynynge cannyanes ² for my Mr.	v ^d . 205

1583-1585.—Imperfect statement in same hand as Thomas Grasworth's account for 1585, of account, in which the accountant craves allowance, *inter alia*, for 587*l*. 10*s*. 10*d*. for building charges in 1583, for "forren paymentes at Wollaton, 1583," 890*l*. 4*s*. 5½*d*., for 1213*l*. 2*s*. 4*d*. for payments in a book entitled "London chargez this yeire 1583," including expenses of journey to London 13*l*. 4*s*. 0*d*. "conteyned in iiij^{or} pagynes in the beginninge of the saide booke [of forren paimentes]," and "for charges remayninge at London in houskeeping there xxiiij^{tie} dayes about Mrs. Bridgetes mariage," 28*l*. 5*s*. 7*d*., "also in the journey to Kent and comminge from London xiiij^{ten} dayes xxvi. vijs. 0*d*., with the charges of other gentlemen that came in company," for law costs, etc.; for payments for building charges in 1584 1114*l*. 7*s*. 1½*d*.; for foreign payments at Wollaton in 1584 1847*l*. 1*s*. 3½*d*., at Midleton 377*l*. 3*s*. 5*d*.; for riding charges to London, remaining there and in Kent, apparel, etc., 623*l*. 1*s*. 0*d*.; for 1585 for foreign payments at Wollaton

¹ Jean, so called from Genes = Genoa.

² See page 436, note 4, above.

1428*l.* 15*s.* 5*d.*, for the like at Midleton 189*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.*, for land purchased 4737*l.* 3*s.* 5*d.* Total of the payments "in this booke expressed": 13,104*l.* 16*s.* 1½*d.* Signed by Geoffrey Ithell, auditor. 205.

1584.—Rough account book of receipts and expenditure for household and other purposes. 205.

1585.—A similar account book. 205.

1585, February 14.—Account of Thomas Grassworth, servant to Sir Francis Willoughbie, knight, of money received and disbursed towards the charge of building. He accounts for 1584 from Sir Francis 75*l.*; for 1585 from Sir Francis 371*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.* (the last figure crossed out), from John Speid 329*l.* 6*s.* 4*d.*, William Blythe 106*l.*, Mr. Gedney by the hands of Mr. Smithston 35*l.* 6*s.* 4*d.*, Geoffrey Fox 149*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.*, and for other receipts from them 109*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.*: total (with other items) 1192*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.* (M'ciiiij^{xx} xijli. viijs. vjd.) Payments to free masons in 1584 43*l.* 18*s.* 8*d.*, in 1585 257*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.*; to carpenters in 1584 15*l.* 18*s.* 10*d.*, 1585 61*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.*; to joiners in 1584 18*l.* 8*s.* 8*d.*, in 1585 70*l.* 8*s.* 11*d.*; to labourers in 1584 19*l.* 4*s.* 0½*d.*, in 1585, 91*l.* 0*s.* 7*d.*; to plumbers in 1584 21*l.* 19*s.* 6*d.*, in 1585 17*l.* 13*s.* 2*d.*; to sawyers in 1584 7*l.* 4*s.* 3*d.*, in 1585 18*l.* 1*s.* 11*d.*; for necessaries in 1584 3*l.* 8*s.* 10*d.*, in 1585 15*l.* 6*s.* 10*d.*; for "lymeston" in 1584 49*s.* 6*d.*, in 1585 25*s.* 3*d.*; to "layers about the buildinge" in 1584 7*l.* 13*s.* 9*d.*, in 1585 36*l.* 18*s.* 1*d.*; to painters in 1585 19*l.* 15*s.* 10*d.*; for 22 strikes of charcoal "for the fyninge of leade ashes" in 1585 7*s.* 4*d.*, for carriage thereof 10*d.*, for hiring and carriage of a pair of bellows 5*s.*; to William Hill for making 199 "thousand" of bricks at 2*s.* 3*d.* the thousand 19*l.* 5*s.* 3*d.*, and "for castinge of earth" 20*s.*; payments to divers men, including Robert Smithston, who received in 1584 4*l.*, in 1585 73*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* Total payments: 1153*l.* 10*s.* 6½*d.* 205.

1586, 12 February.—Account of Geoffrey Fox, servant to Sir Francis Willoughbie, knight, for divers sums received by him, from 1583 to 1585. 205.

1587-8.—Extracts from Household Book. Weekly accounts in tabular form of the consumption of victuals, with notes of numbers of visitors who were entertained. One of the tables is subjoined, and the notices as to visitors are also given.

Anno Dom. 1586, March iiij ^{to} .	Th'olde Rem[anet] the last weke the xxvth of Febr.	Rec. this weke March iiij ^{to} .	Expen.	Rem[anet].
Egges	8s. 1d.	5s. 1d.		3s.
Butter	8s. 3d.	5s.		3s. 3d.
Linges	9s. 1d.	6s. 9d.		2s. 4d.
Saltisise	1l	4s. 11d.	6	5s. 3d.
Stockfisha	4	3d.	6	1
Her[ings] white	280	9s. 3d.	3	16d.
Acates Her. Red	8d.	2s. 4d.	140	4s. 6d.
Vyneger	1 gall.		24	60
Musterd	1 gall.		½ gall.	½ gall.
Cheese	1	12d.	½ gall.	6d.
Suger	6½H.	10d.	½ cheese	5d.
Pepper	¾H.	11s. 2d.	14d.	6H.
Prunes	2H.	2s. 8d.		10s.
Currantes	2H.	8d.		½H.
Resinges	2H.	10d.		2s. 8d.
	2H.	10d.		2H.
	2H.	10d.		2H.
	Summa :	65s. 1d.	Summa :	30s. 7d.
Howshold ¹	160c	13s. 4d.	120c	40c
Cheate	30c	2s. 6d.	26c	3s. 4d.
Beere	12 hh.	48s.	5 bh.	4c
Beef	16 hh.		20s.	23 bh. 4l. 12s.
Bacon	15 peeces		3 ptecs	12 peeces 12s.
Motton	14 flickes			14 flickes 56s.
Hennes	12	8s.	1½c	4c
Capons	26		6	2s.
Duckes	12		6	20
Flovers	5	15d.	3	10s.
Herrishaw	1	2d.	1	6d.
	1	8d.	1	
	Summa :	73s. 11d.	Summa :	47s. 9d.
Summa totalis	Summa :	7l. 12s.	88s. 4d.	Summa :
		6l. 19s.		8l. 18s.
				10l. 12s. 8d.

This weke my Mr. came from London to Wolloton on Tiwesday nighte with vj. men, etc.

March 11. Memorandum, spent of this 4:15:0 by the boone plowes² soing barley and peaz at Chilwell [co. Notts], etc., viz.: beer 1 hh. [=hogshead], 4s.; howssold 48c, 4s.: 8s.

March 18. [Half a 'quarter' of 'sallet oyle' is charged at 2s. the quarter, three carp 18d., and two tench 12d.]
 " Memorandum, spent of this expen. 108s. 11d. by the boone plowes soing barley and peaze at Lamley, etc., viz.: beere 1 hh. 4s.; howshold, 80c 6s. 8d.: 10s. 8d."

March 25. [Three salt eels, 3s., four 'pigges,' 2s.]
 " This weke my Mr. rydde to Myddleton uppon Wednesdaye

¹ Household bread is meant. See October 8, below.

² The boon works of tenants, the labour rendered by them gratis, at which the lord found food and drink for them according to custom.

after breakefast, to geather with Mr. Per[cival] and Mr. Roberte Willughbye, etc."

April 1. [Onions, 12*d.*] "This weke howshold only with comers and goers, etc."

April 8. "This weke howshold with comers and goers."

April 15. [Almonds, 1*lb.*, 20*d.*, figs, 3*lb.*, 18*d.*] "This weke my Mr. came to Wollaton on Wednesdaye in th'after noone, and Mr. Raff Secheverelle, and ryd to wardes Myddleton on Saturdaye after breakefaste, etc."

April 22. "This weke Mr. Repington came to Wollaton on Monday with his two men, etc., and ryd from hence on Wednesdaye after breakfast."

May 14. "This weke my Mr. came to Wollaton on Monday in th'after noone; with poole makers in the parke, fatfield and pinges, etc."

May 20. "This weke my Mr. ryd to Bellvoyer castle on Sondag after dynner, and came back agayne to Wollaton on Saturdaye morning; with colliers and poole makers at a poole heade in Wayegate in the Townefilde, etc."

May 27. "This weke Mr. Per. Willughbye and Mr. George Pud[sly] came to Wollaton on Frydaye in th'after noone; with boones and poole makers in the Townefilde gate and parke, etc."

June 3. "This weke Sir Thomas Stanhope came and dynyd at the new Hall on Wednesdaye; with boone plowes and poole making in the Horse Close, etc."

June 10. ['Synamon' 1 oz., 10*d.*; two lings, 2*s.* 4*d.*] "This weeke Sir Georg Hastings came on Sondag at supper, and stayed untill Twysday dynner; with other comers and goers."

June 17. [A goose, 11*d.*; six trout, 6*d.*] "This weeke on Monday Sir Thomas Mannours dyned at the New Hall."

June 24. "This weeke my Mr. went on Twysday to Dunnesby [Dunsby, co. Lincoln], and came agayne on Friday at nighte in the same weeke."

July 1. [Halfe scate, 20*d.*] "This weeke Mr. Percyvall Wyllughby and Mr. George Pudsie and his sonne came on Monday at nighte; Mr. George Pudsie and his sonne went away on Thursday morning, and Mr. Perc[yvall] stayed all the weeke. And this weeke on Wednesday Sir Thomas Mannours dyned at the Chauntry. With other coomers and goers."

July 8. "Whereof is to be deducted from th'expenses of the howshold, which was spente upon boonors: Imprimis, mutton iij^c, 12*s.*; howsholde bread —; beere ij h., 8*s.* Bradmyre [Bradmore, co. Notts] boones, 19 persons."

July 15. [¹ Mr. Aldridg, Thomas Atkynson, Ric. Wylughby, Blyth, Thorpe, Jo. Atkynson, Gonaston, Tevery, Leyster, Calver, Fr. Hollingworth, Jo. Hollyngworth, Brasbridg, Bussell, Gresworth, Glover, Hayes, Bunting, Horne, Dale, Gunner, Belper, Stoakes, Ogden, Lucas, Roberte of

¹ According to the list given on July 22, these, with the exception of Richard Wyllughby and "the hammer man," formed the "ordinary Howsholde."

the Stable, Wrigley, Campion, Fluellen, Roger Wyldc, Ed. Wyldc, the hammer man, iii. boyes in the kitchin, Burrowes, John Dunne, Godbeheer.]

July 15. ['Crevises' (=crayfish, French *écrevisse*), 2*d.*; cherries, 12*d.*]

July 22. "Marmalade, 2*li.* 1*oz.*, 5*s.* 3*d.*; sucket, 1*li.*, 2*s.* 6*d.*; bisket bread, $\frac{1}{2}$ *li.*, 9*d.*; confectes, 1*li.*, 2*s.* 4*d.*"

This weeke on Twysdaye the Earle of Rut[land] supped heere at th'olde Hall, and dyned upon Wednesday with dyvers other gent[lemen] of his company.

August 5. "This nexte weeke following my Mr. removed to Nottingham to his howse there, where he expended as followeth, John Atkynson being clarke of the kytchin there, for the first fyve weekes next ensewing, wherewith he standeth charged as well for the bwyeng of the acates as also for the expending thereof, of whose bylles theis are true copies."

August 12. "Cla[ret] wyne 6 quarters and 1 py[nt], 4*s.* 2*d.*, sack 1 pinte, 6*d.*"

August 19. "On Sondag this weeke my Mr. dyned at Wollaton, and the tenautes of Wyllughby and Bradmyre booned and caried tymber, lyme, and brick to Thurland Howse to [=at] Nottingham." "Acates bought by Ed. Glover as followeth: Sondag dynner: one loyne of veale and j. legg of mutton, 22*d.*" "Stoare: One mutton for the bonores, 4*s.*; 6 saltefishes for theim, 4*s.* 8*d.*"

"My Mr. wente into Warwykshier and retourned from thence to Nottingham on Thursday the vijth of September, and here followe the receipt and th'expen[ce] of that peece of the weeke from Thursday untill Saterdag following."

September 16. "Carawayes, 1*d.*; peares, 2*d.*; creame, 2*d.*" "This weeke Mr. Sacheverell and his twoo soones-in-lawe came to Nottingham upon Monday, and stayed untill Wednesday morning, and Sir Thomas Stanhope, Sir Gervas Clyfton, and Sir Roberte Constable dyned with my Mr. upon Saterdag."

September 23. "Barbelles, 2, 14*d.*; lampernes, 7, 6*d.*; sewytt, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ *lib.*, 14*d.*" "This weeke Sir Thomas Stanhopp and Sir Gervas Clyfton dyned with my Mr. at Thurland howse on Saterdag; with other straungers besydes and goers."

September 30. "Pickerill, 1, 7*d.*; flownders, 2*d.*; larkes, 1 doozin, 3*d.*; mallardes, Jo. Gunner, 2 coople, 12*d.*; plovers, Jo. Gunner, 3*d.*; larkes, Jo. Gunner, 2 doozin, 4*d.*"

October 7. "Tripes and a neates foote, 3*d.*"

October 21. "Dates, 4*d.*; sowse, 3*d.*" "This weeke Mr. Spencer came to Thurland Howse on Thursday, and Mr. Roberte Wyllughby, with twoo men a peece. And on Friday came the Earle of Rutland, and lay there to the ende of the weeke at my Mr.'s charges for his dyet. There came with the Earle tenne persons."

October 28. "This weeke the Earle of Rutland and his retynnew had their dyet at my Mr.'s charges from the begynnyng

of the weeke, being Saturday in the morning tyll Twysday at supper, and then the Cowntesse came, and the Earle's officers entered upon xxxij. hh. of beere remayning and upon the remayndour of bread both howshold and cheate, and other provision such as remayned that tyme. And my Mr. had his dyet with my L[ord], excepte that now and then he walked to Wollaton, where he spente as followeth."

November 11. "Mylke for custerdes, 12*d.*; woodcockes, 4, 16*d.*; plover, 4, 10*d.*; snipes, 5, 10*d.*; ale to seeth fishe in, 2*d.*; muske confectes 1*li.*, 2*s.* 6*d.*; bysketes, 1*li.*, 20*d.*"

"The xjth day of November, being Saturday in Lenton Fayre tyme, the Earle of Rutland and the Cowntysse, Sir Thomas Manners and his Lady, Sir Gervas Clyfton and his Ladie, Sir Anthony Strelley and his Ladie, with dyvers other gentlemen, with their retynew, to the number of six score persons, dyned at the new howse, where was spente at my Mr.'s charges as followeth" [a total of 3*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.*].

"The xvijth of November. Mr. Percyvall Wyllughby came to Wollaton, my Mr. being at Notingham with my Lord, and there was spente for him and his twoo men, viz. : inprimis a quarter of mutton, 16*d.*; for a peece of beife, 8*d.*; for butter, 6*d.*; for bread, 6*d.*; for his supper the firste nighte, which was sente for to Ellen Radfordes, 8*d.*"

"The ixth of December. My Lorde of Rutland, Mr. Roberte Markham, and Mr. Fraunces Leeke of Sutton dyned with my Mr. at the new howse: butter, 2*s.* 6*d.*; egges, 20*d.*; veale, 2*s.* 8*d.*; snypes, 6, 12*d.*; suger, 1*li.*, 20*d.*; currauntes, 1*li.*, 5*d.*; mace, 1 oz., 10*d.*, breade for the Halle, 4*s.*; breade for the kytchin to grate, 4*d.*; Reynyshe wyne, 1 bottle, 18*d.* Summa: 16*s.* 7*d.*"

December 12. "From this day untill the Monday following 4 westerne men contynued at Wollaton with my Mr. in dyet at the Chauntrey. To supper came Mr. Percyvalle Wyllughby, whoe stayed tyll Friday following."

December 14. "Mr. Reppington came with twoo men."

December 17. "Mr. Roberte Spencer with twoo men, and stayed tyll Twisday breakefaste."

"Upon Christmas day in the morning my Mr. wente to my Lordes to Notingham, and there stayed tyll St. Steven's day after dynner."

December 30. "This weeke on Saturday the Earle of Rutland dyned with my Mr. at the Chawntrey, with eighte of his men. And three boonours working with their drawghtes at the pooles from Monday tyll Saterdag following had their meate and drinke at the Chawntrey of my Mr.'s fyndyng."

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January 6. "This weeke Mr. Gybbons, Mr. Lysle, and Mr. Percyvalle Wyllughby contynued with my Mr. from Monday at supper untill Thursday breakefaste. And twoo

boonours working with their draughtes at the pooles all the weeke longe weare founde with the howshold charges."

January 13. "This weeke on Wednesday the Earle of Rut[land], attended on with six men, dyned with my Mr. at the Chawntrey."

January 27. "This weeke on Saterdag the Earle of Rut[and] came and dyned with my Mr. at the Chawntrey with fyve men."

February 3. "This weeke, on Friday the ixth of February, my Mr. wente to Allthrop to Mr. Spencer, where he contynewed the tyme of his coomyng home agayne untill Sondag the xvijth of the same moneth, and then supped at the Chawntrey."

April 6. "This weeke my Mr. cawsed all which weare at borde wages to be called into the howse, and so beganne to keepe howse at the Chawntrey."

April 13. "This weeke on Monday came to supper Sir George Hastings, and stayed all nighte, with fowre men, and dyned the nexte daye, and so departed. The same nighte also came Mr. Reppington with twoo men, and stayed heere till Saterdag following. This weeke allso there wroughte at the poles moste parte of the weeke some tymes xx^{tie}, some tymes xxx^{tie} persons, and more or lesse, which had their dynners every day at my Mr.'s charges, and some of them their suppers also. Besides comers and goers.

May 4. "This weeke Mr. Lysle and Mr. Gibbons and Mr. Percyvalle Willughby stayed heere twoo dayes, with poolers and coomers and goers."

May 11. "This weeke Mr. Rafe Sacheverell stayed heere from Twysday at dynner untill Friday at dynner following, besides poolers and coomers and goers."

June 1. "This [weeke] there weare many workemen at the pooles founde at my Mr. his charges, bysydes many coomer[s] and goers."

June 8. "This weeke also there weare dyvers workemen at the pooles founde at my Mr.'s charges."

June 18. "This weeke Bradmyre men booned all the weeke longe, beinge xx^{tie} persons with x. draughtes, at leading kyddes [= faggots] and meanure."

June 22. "Muske, 2 granes, 8*d.*; bowes and rushes, 16*d.*" "This weeke on Sondag, beinge xvjth of this instant, the Archebyssshop of Yorke, Sir Thomas Manners, Mr. Ed. Stanhope, and dyvers other gent. with thir retynnew dyned with my.Mr. at Thurland Howse at Notingham. With many coomers and goers."

June 29. "This weeke Mr. Rafe Sacheverell lay at Wolaton from Saterdag after dynner tyll Thursday breakfaste following, with ij. men, and there weare then dyvers coomers and goers."

July 6. "This weeke my Mr. rydd into War[wyk]shier on Twysday after dynner. And there weare boone carriages

from Bradmyre v. dayes in this weeke, viz., xvij. persons, and one car[riage] from Dunsby which brought wallnutree, viz. iij. persons."

July 20. "This weeke upon Monday, being the xvth of this instant, my Mr. came home forth of Warr[wyk]shier."

August 3. "This weeke on Monday Mr. Zowche, Mr. Phillip Strelley, and the other young gent. dyned with my Mr., and on Saterdag at dynner came Mr. Roberte Spencer, and Mr. Roberte Wyllughby with v. men, and at supper Mr. Per. Wyllughby and his brother Edward with iij. men."

August 17. "Upon Monday this weeke after breakefaste Mr. Spencer, Mr. Perc. Wyllughby and Mr. Edward Wyllughby wente awaye."

August 24. "This weeke on Friday Sir Thomas Manners and his Ladie, twoo of their daughters, Sir Anthony Strelley, Mr. Phillip Strelley, Mr. John Samon, Mr. Ogle, Mr. Sam. Mason dyned with my Mr. at the olde howse, and there weare of serving men and others v. messe in the Halle."

September 8. "This weeke upon Twysday my Mr. ryd after dynner to Loughborow to Sir George Hastings, and came home on Thursday to supper. Mr. Powtrell dyned at the Chawntrey on Saterdag with twoo men."

September 14. "Mr. Rafe Sacheverell came hither this weeke, on Thursday at dynner, and stayed tyll Saterdag breakefaste, Sir George Chaworth, Mr. Zowche, Mr. Phillip Strelley, etc., with iiij. messe in the hall supped at the olde howse on Friday nighte. Mr. Hen. Wyllughby came on Friday at dynner with ij. men. Balle and iiij. Yrysh men, etc."

September 28. "This weeke upon Mondaye my Mr. wente into Warr[wyk]shier] abowte a commission betweene him and Mr. Tho. Brasbridge, and tooke but three howshold men with him; the rest contynued in commons."

October 5. "Gunnepowder for Jo. Gunner, *li.*, 18*d.*" "This weeke on Twysday to supper my Mr. retourned owte of Warr[wyk]shier, and Sir George Hastings, Mr. Edward Hastings, his sonne, and Mr. Palmer came the same nighte to supper with sixe men, and contynued heere tyll Thursday after dynner."

October 13. "This weeke upon Monday John Burrowes mariage dynner was kepte at the old halle, and twoo messe of meate fully furnished at my Mr.'s table, besides other extraordinarie men weare at my Mr.'s charges."

October 19. "This weeke upon Monday Mr. Roberte Markham and twoo of his soonnes, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Fenton, and Mr. Sturton supped with my Mr. at the Chawntrey, and dyned there upon Twysday, and had with them x. men."

October 26. "This weeke upon Monday at nighte came Mr. Per. Wyllughby with ij. men, and Mr. Robert Wyllughby with j. man. Mr. Roberte Wyllughbye stayed tyll Fryday, Mr. Percyvalle tyll Saterdag."

November 2. "This weeke my Mr. lay at Notingham from Monday supper tyll Thursday supper, by reason of certeyne bwysines with the receavour at the audit."

November 9. "This weeke upon Friday after dynner worde was broughte that Sir George Hastings and Mr. Agar wolde have supped with my Mr. that nighte; for whom provision was made, but they came not."

November 23. "This weeke Sir Geo. Hastings came to Wollaton on Monday to supp, with v. men, and stayed tyll Thursday dynner. Mr. Percyvall Wyllughby, Mr. Raffe Sacheverell, etc."

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1591.—Extracts from book of extraordinary payments at Wollaton, giving weekly accounts of boardwages, wages of "hyneservautes," husbandry charges, expense of "ode" [= woad] culture, washing, etc.

May 8. "To Richard Gamble and his fellow for gettinge 60 ell of stonne at Lenton Abbie¹ at 3*d.* the ell, xv*s.*"

May 15. "Item to Luke Gonastonne rydinge charges for carienge a letter to Mr. Robert Markham at Newarke, xii*jd.* Item to John Calver ridinge charges for goinge to Mansfeld for Mr. Dand, xi*jd.*

May 22. "Item to Mr. Hollingworth for ridinge charges from London, vi*js.* ix*d.*"

June 19. "Item to William Rhodes for thackinge at the Odehouse [= Woad-house], v*j.* dayes at viii*d.* the day, iii*js.* Item to Agnes Burrowes for servinge the thacker at the Oade house 6 dayes at 4*d.* the day, i*js.*"

September 18. "Item for 109 burden of hard rushes at *jd.* the burden *ut per billam*, ix*s.* *jd.*"

October 16. "Item to Robert Hill for emptieynge the said lime killne one day, *xd.* Item paid to v. women for the like worke one daye a peece at 3*d.*, xv*d.*"

October 30. "Item to [John] Mosse and 3 of his fellowes for pressinge crabbes one daye at 6*d.* a peece, i*js.*"

December 4. "Item paid to Boardman's wife for pickinge crabbes for verges [= verjuice] 4 dayes at 3*d.* the day, xi*jd.*" [The like to six other women for the same time.]

December 25. "Item paid for bringinge letters from London, v*jd.*"

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1596.—Book of accounts bound in two leaves of a fifteenth century service book, entitled "The booke of reconing [beginning at the Annunciation] of Oure Lady, for one [year] . . . and other necessarye ch[ardges]" on the first page, part of which is torn away. It contains engrossed headings of the various classes of expenditure, but very few entries have been made. The entries are evidently in the

¹ There are many similar entries relating to stone from Lenton Abbey.

handwriting of Sir Percival Willoughby, for at fo. 15 he refers to Bore Place [co. Kent] as "my parke." On fo. 11 is an entry "for 3 payres of specktackells, iijs." In 1671-2 the book was used as a rough account book owing to the great amount of blank paper it contained. 205.

1596, October 18, to September, 1600.—Book of receipts and payments at Wollaton, containing numerous payments for removing earth about the New Hall (at Wollaton) and works and fittings at the same, and household accounts.

1597, December 25.—"Provision spent at Mydilton from Cresmas even to the Sundaye aftar Twelwe daye, beinge the 8 of January, viz. :

Inprimis, in wheatt 2 quarters 1 stryke at 10s.			
the strycke, 9 stryckes for manchet and 8 for the			
pastrie and for bread to gratte	8	10	0
Item, in corne for household 3 quar. 4 str. at 9s.			
the str.	12	12	0
Item, in mault 46 str. at 7s. the strycke (beere			
27 hogge[sheds] <i>dim.</i>)	16	2	0
Item, in beeffe 7 carkes [= carcasses] at 3 <i>li.</i> 10s.			
a pece, reserving the hidde	24	10	0
Item in motton 22 carkes and 4 joyntes at			
8s. 6 <i>d.</i> a carkes, reserving the skennes	9	12	0
Item, in porke 2 carkes at 16s. a pece	1	12	0
Item, in geese 39 at 16 <i>d.</i> a pece	2	12	0
Item, in venson 6 dooes at 6s. 8 <i>d.</i> a pece	1	18	0
Item, one gootte	0	10	0
Item, in rabettes 57 cople at 8 <i>d.</i> a cople	1	18	0
Item, in branne by estimation	3	0	0
Item, in great lenge j. cople <i>di.</i> [=half] at 7s.			
a cople	0	10	6
Item. in mydleinge lenge 8 cople at 3s. a cople	1	4	0
Item, in Habbardine [a sort of stockfish] xij.			
cople at 14 <i>d.</i> a cople	0	16	4
Item, fatt capones 5 at 3s. 4 <i>d.</i> a pece	0	16	8
Item, 3 capones of a second sort at 2s. a pece	0	6	0
Item, pollettes 8 at 6 <i>d.</i> a pece	0	4	0
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Item rabettes 11 cople at 11 <i>d.</i> a cople	0	10	1
Item, in veale 4 carkes 3 quar. at severall pryscs	2	12	0
Item, in egges	0	10	8
Item, in snipes 3 dossen and 10 snipes at sevrall			
prises	0	7	2
Item, woodcockes 4 at sevrall pryscs	0	1	10
Item, partrechs 2	0	1	0
Item, in burdes 2 dosen and 5 burdes at sevrall			
prises	0	1	2

Item, scatt [=skate], place, and a pyeke ..	0	2	0
In oystares 2 hundred	0	2	0
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Item, vøale 3 quart	0	9	0
Item, capones 12 at 6 <i>d.</i> a pece	0	6	0
In pollettes 7 at 4 <i>d.</i> a pece	0	2	4
In woodcockes 14 at 4 <i>d.</i> a pee.. .. .	0	4	8
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	1	2	0
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Summa totallis : 92*li.* 3*s.* 5*d.*

For two suger loaves, th'one at xv <i>d.</i> the pound, th'other at xii <i>d.</i>	xxxij <i>s.</i>	v <i>d.</i>
For currance xxx <i>li.</i> .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	xs.	
For reasons xxx <i>li.</i> .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	xs.	
For nutmegges j <i>li.</i> .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	vs.	
For pepper iiij <i>li.</i> .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	xvii <i>s.</i>	
For mace, quarter of a pound .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	ii <i>s.</i>	v <i>d.</i>
For cloves <i>dim.</i> pound .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	ii <i>s.</i>	v <i>d.</i>
For synament [=cinnamon] <i>dim.</i> pound.. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	ii <i>s.</i>	iiij <i>d.</i>
For prunes xxx <i>li.</i> .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	vi <i>s.</i>	v <i>d.</i>
For a tierce of claret wine and a rundlet of sack .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	v <i>li.</i>	
For a kegg of sturghion .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	xiiij <i>s.</i>	v <i>d.</i>
	<i>Summa totallis</i> : xj <i>li.</i> vi <i>s.</i> xd.										

1597, December 19.—“Bought of Mr. Strelley, the goldsmith, one white basoun and ewer of silver, wayinge 88oz. *dim.* and quarter *dim.*, after the rate of vs. v*d.* the oz., which cometh to xxiiij*li.* vi*s.* iiij*d.* : whereof paid xx*li.*” 205

1598, April to March.—Day-book of receipts and expenditure of food.

August 18. “My Lord B[a]rtlett, Mr. Devres, and Mr. Townesend came to super with xij. men, and bracke ther faste.” 205

1599, August to December.—Book of weekly payments for food, etc. 205

1599–1600.—Day-book of receipts and expenditure of food.

August 12. “Many nighores [*sic*] that came to see my mistress dyned hear this day.”

August 13. “xxx. wyves of Wollaton that came to see my mistres dyned hear this day.”

August 14. “Mr. Robert Willughby and his wyfe came to Wollaton one Fryday with my mistres, and went away this day aftar breckefaste, attended with iiij. persones. Mr. Roger

Mannares, Mr. Sterley [Strelley], Mr. Parpoynt, Mr. John Berron [Byron], and many other gentelmen came to rem[ain], attended with 40 persons."

August 15. "Mr. Roger Mannares and the reste of his company went away this day aftar dener."

August 16. "Mrs. Lyl [Lisle] came to Wollarton with my mistres, and went away this day aftar denner, with vj. persones attendinge."

August 17. "Mr. Theenne [Thynne] and Mr. Pegett went away after breckefast, with ij. men."

August 17. "Mr. Repington, Mr. Bothe, and yonge Mr. Colmor came to super this night, with iiij. persones attendinge."

August 19. "Mr. Meare [Mayor] of Notingham and his wyfe and viij. persons with them dyned. Mr. Bothe, Mr. Colmor went away this day aftar dener."

August 20. "xiiij. wyves of Cossall cam to see my mistres, and dyned hear this d[a]ye. Mr. Bothe and Mr. Colmor came to super this night, and Mrs. Lyl with them."

August 22. "Mrs. Lyl, Mr. Repington, Mr. Bothe and Mr. Colmor went away aftar breckefaste, with ix. persons attendinge. Mr. Sowcheverell [Sacheverell] came to dener with one man."

August 23. "Mr. Willughby of Reslie [Risley] and Mr. Dyn' hear, with iiij. persons attendinge."

August 24. "Mr. Hurtt, Mr. Freman, Mr. Greves, Mr. Tomlenson, Mr. Hyll, and ther wyves dyned hear."

August 26. "Mr. Sturle [Strelley] and Mr. Walker dyned hear, with ij. persons attendinge."

August 27. "Yonge Mr. Willughby, Mr. Poudrell [Poutrell] and Mr. Smyth dyned hear with vj. persons attendinge."

August 31. "The erlle of Ruttlende, Mr. Chaworth, Mr. Vavaser, Mr. Aske, Mr. Askew, Mr. Sterle [Strelley], and many other gentelmen came to denner with lxx. persones attendinge."

September 3. "My mistres towards Mydelton, with Mrs. Wennefrett and Mrs. Abegall, aftar breckefaste with [blank]."

September 7. "Mr. Jackson of Nottingham, Mr. Darknolle, Mr. Ogle, Mr. Hill, Mr. Greves, Wm. Hinde dyned here, with iiij. strangers in the hall."

September 8. "This night to supper came Mr. Colmer of Leicester and his sonne, Mr. Booth, Mr. Orton, Mr. Smith, with iiij. persons attendinge."

September 13. "Mr. Colmor and his sonne, Mr. Bothe, Mr. Orton, and Mr. Smyth wente away aftar breckefaste."

September 20. "My mistres came to Wollatton to super."

September 21. "Mr. Sowcheverell, Mr. Henrie Willughby, Mr. Aldrege, came to denner with ij. men."

September 24. "xvj. tennantes of Willughby came to denner."

September 25. "Mr. Perckines and his wyfe came to denner with iiij. persons attending."

September 26. "Mr. Colmor came yestar night to super and went away aftar breckfaste. Mr. Dartnall and Mr. Hanley came to dener."

September 27. "Mr. Perpoynt and Mr. Willughby of Rusley came to denner, with x. persones."

September 30. "Mr. Henrie Willughby came to super, with j. man."

October 1. "Mr. Repington came to super with 2 men."

October 3. "Mr. Reptington [*sic*] and Mr. Henre Willughby went away aftar breckefaste."

October 4. "Mr. Repingeton and Mr. Henre Willughby and his daughter came to super with iij. men. Mr. Hurtt and Mr. Hacker came to denner."

October 5. "Mrs. Jackson and her daughter of Nottingham, William Hind and his wyfe and Mrs. Gresbrocke came to dener."

October 7. "My Lord of Darbe's pleares and many cuntre pepell came to dener."

December 27. "The tenauntes of Cossall dined here."

1600, March 2. "The judges dined." 205

1603, June 21.—"A bill or note of the particuler charges and paymentes disbursed for or aboutes the provision at Wollaton for the Queene's presence there, 21 *Junii*, anno regni Jacobi Regis, etc., primo, 1603, videlicet :

Paymentes of masons' and laborers' wages.

[William Hall is paid 10*d.* a day for 9 days, his man 8*d.* a day for 7 days, three masons are paid 12*d.* a day for 9 days, and their three men 8*d.* a day for the same period. Twenty-six labourers are paid 6*d.* a day for 169 days in all. Six "colliers sent by Mr. Beamond" receive 8*d.* a day each for 33 days in all. There are other charges for labourers at 6*d.* a day. Total 10*li.* 2*s.* 11*d.*]

Paymentes to Carpenters for wages.

[Five are paid 12*d.* a day each for 40 days in all, two are paid 10*d.* a day for 7 days each, four are paid 8*d.* a day each 18 days in all. Other payments for sawyers, 12*d.* and 18*d.* a day for a pair of sawyers, felling trees, etc., bring up the total to 5*li.* 2*s.* 4*d.*]

Paynters' bill, etc.

For 2 dozen of knobbs for bed hangings	.. ..	xijd.
For 2 bookes of gold for gilding	.. ..	vjs. viij <i>d.</i>
For one booke of gilding silver	.. ..	xx <i>d.</i>
For painting rollers	.. ..	xij <i>d.</i>

For 3 daies work, viz., guilding bedd knobbs, a
 caneby knob, and guilding and painting baked
 meates ijs.
 Sum of the bill, xijs. iiijd.

Provision bought at Nottingham by William Hynde, etc.

Fowre hogshedes of beere at 8s. the hogs- heade	xxxijs.
Eight loomes of ale at 2s. the loome	xvjs.
For carriage of 2 of them	viijd.
For 6 dozen of spoones	vjs.
For 3 dozen of glasses	vs.
For 4 poundes of pepper	xijs.
Six gallons of viniger at ijs. iiijd. the gallon	xiiijs.
Eight greene fishes	vjs. iijd.
Six capons	vjs. iiijd.
One dosen of chickens	iijs.
Fowre pigges	vjs. iiijd.
One quarte of oyle	xxd.
Seaven poundes of chalke	iijd.
Twø poundes of Calle [= Calais] sande	ijd.
Swane quills	iiijd.
To a mesenger for going to Worsope	ijs.
For carr[y]ing 4 pigges	ijd.
Fowre quiers of paper	xvjd.
Twø poundes of wyer	xvjd.
Three yardes of rybaning	vjd.
Three skenes of silke	iijd.
Fowre poundes of sope	xiiiijd.
One hundred of white pins	xijd.
For helping to lode bedding	ijd.
Fore boulting clothe	xxjd.
Three yardes of russet ribaning	ixd.
Three yardes of white tinsell rybaning	iijd.
Twø combrushes	iijd.
For carriage of creme and flowers	ijd.
Fowre yardes of boulting clothe	iijs. iiijd.
Fowre yardes of course boulting clothe	ijs.
Fowre quieres of paper	xvjd.
Sum total: vj <i>li</i> . viijs. ix <i>d</i> .	

[The rest of the book appears to be an ordinary household account for the year.] 205

There are in addition many household accounts of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, and numerous accounts of receipts and expenditure in connexion with agriculture in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries.

INVENTORIES OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS, etc.

1355, July 20.—Inventory of goods and chattels of Sir Baldwin de Fryville.

Ceux sount lez benz et lez chatels queux Monsieur Baudewyn de Fryvill ad doné a Monsieur John' de Clynton, Monsieur Fouke de Burmyncham, et Sire Baudewyn de Whyteneye, den de Tomworthe, c'est a savoir Luyndy [*sic*] en la feste de Seynt Margarete, en l'an de roy Edward Terce apres le Conqueste xxix.

Ces furront les choses, c'est a savoir vj^{xxli}. en perles. Item une cercle d'or ov nok.tt (?) et rubyes, pris lxli. Item j. cercle d'or ov rubies et emeraudes, pris xlii. Item j. autre cercle d'or ov rubyes et emeraudes, pris xxxli. Item j. cercle d'or ov rubies et emeraudes, pris xxli. Item j. cercle d'or et de perré ov lupards, pris xxli. Item j. cercle d'or et de perré, pris xli. Item j. corowne d'or et de perré, pris xxxli. Item j. nouche d'or et de perré, pris xxxli. Item ij. nouches d'or et de perré, pris x. marcs. Item ij. anels d'or et de perré, pris cs. Item ij. peyres de pater nostres de get ov gaudes de rubie et de perles, pris cs. Item j. botoner de roses, pris xls. Item j. botoner de *wodewoses* [= elves, fauns, from A.S. *wudu-wása*], pris cs. Item j. botouner de muge [= nutmeg, O. French *muge*], pris x marcs. Item j. botoner d'esteyles d'err', pris cs. Item j. botoner d'err' et de perles, pris x. marcs.

Summa : iiijc. xijli.

Item j. lyt enter, ov lez curtyns palez, pris cs. Item, j. lyt enter, j. sarch', iiij. tapyts d'oysels, et j. *dim.* seel, ov lez rydels de rouge sendal, pris xxli. Item j. coverteur de gris, pris cs. Item j. quylte poynté de sendal pale d'Ynde et de jawne, pris xli. Item j. lyt pale ov j. sarge et iiij. tapyts et j. *dim.* celur', pris cs. Item ij. lytes rouges enters, sarges et tapyts, pris lxs. Item j. lyt vert ov rydel, pris xls. Item ij. lytz ov house et tapitz pur esquyers, pris ls. Item xvj. lytz ov materass, pris xvjli. Item j. sel pour lez justes, ij. helmes, j. escu, ij. meyne-de-fers, ov tous manner' autres herneys apurtenantz, pris xli.

Summa : lxxvijli. xs.

Item en naperye, c'est a savoir xj. napes pur la haute table, ov vij. longe towaylles et viij. courte towaylles et v. savenapes, pris xijli. Item vj. napes de drap longe, pris xxs.

Summa : xiiijli.

Item ij. corsetes furrés de menyver, ov lez cotes de la sute, pris xxli. Item en iiij. cotes furrés de menyver, pris xx. marcs. Item chaperounz ov rubans, pris iiijli. Item ij. seeles pur ma dame, pris xls.

Summa : xxxijli. xiijs. iiijd.

Item vj. esqueles, vj. sauters, et ij. chargours d'argent, pris xxli. Item ij. bacynz, ij. ewers, et ij. potes d'argent, pris xxli. Item iiij. bolles ov lez covercles d'argent, pris xli.

Item x. peces et j. ewer d'argent, pris xj. marcs et dim. Item j. ewer d'orr, pris xls. Item j. coupe d'argent, ov le covercle, pris xls. Item xiiij. quylers d'argent et j. d'orr, pris xxx.

Summa : lxiij*li*. xiijs. iiij*d*.

[An inventory of the cattle in the manors of Walton, Middiltone [co. Warwick], Crownest [co. Worcester], World-ende [co. Hereford], and Ferne [co. Hereford], follows.] 24

1488[-9], March 12.—A roll about 11 feet long entitled “This is the inventory of all the goodes and catellys of John Alfegh, Squyre, of Chedyngstone in the Counte of Kent, praysed by Wylliam Maryner and Symon Hogan, cytezens of London and prayrs to the moste Reverende Fader in God John, Archebysshop of Canterbury, the xij. day of Marche, the xx yere of our Lorde God m^cccciiij^{xx}viiij, and in the iiijth yere of the reign of Kyng Henry the VIJth.”

A few extracts, representing every heading, are here given from this interesting inventory.

“ In the Hall.

In primis iiij. costeryngez [= curtains] of rede say, price	viijs.
Item ij. blakke bylles	viiij <i>d</i> .
<i>Summa</i> : viijs. viij <i>d</i> .	

In the Parlour.

Item a foldyng table of Englysshe making, price	vs.
Item iiij. cheyres turned, febyll',	xiij <i>d</i> .
Item a peyer of pleyng tables	vd.
Item ij. carpettes, sore worne	xijs.

In the Newe Chamber above.

Item iiij. costeryngez of rede say bastard steyned, with a border of scriptures, price	xiijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
Item a sperver [= hangings of the tester of a bed] of lawne party blewe and murrey, price	xiijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
Item an olde counterpoynte of tappystery with a man in harnes, febyll, price	vijs. viij <i>d</i> .

In the withdraught [= closet] next the same chamber.

Item a seler [= canopy of a bed] and tester bastard steyned with a flouredelyse	ijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
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In the Newe Chamber beneth.

Item a sperver bastard steyned and vij. costerynges bastard, steyned with vyndez [= vines], fesauntes, and popynyayes, with the cope of the sperver of boorde Alisaunder ¹	xiijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
Item a blewe coverlyd with white workes of Norwyche making, brokyn	v <i>d</i> .
Item a chamber basen of peuter	v <i>d</i> .

¹ Striped silk. See *New English Dictionary, s.v.* ‘Bord Alexander.’

In the withdraught to the Newe Chamber.

Item a brokyn perlyng ¹	vd.
Item iiij. olde cusshyns of boorde Alisaunder with a banker [= bench-covering]	viijd.

In the Entre next the withdraught.

Item vj. costerynges of blakke say, brokyn ..	xxijd.
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In the Warderope.

Item a flatte cheste joyned, price	xxd.
Item vj. skeynes of lynyn yarne	ijs. vjd.
Item ij <i>li</i> . wyke-yarne for candell'	vd.
Item an olde clothe with Seynt John the Bap- tyst steyned	viijd.
Item ij. peyer of brekynders [= brigandines] covered with fustyan	xiijs. iiijd.
Item a bycokett ² and a salet with a veser [= visor]	vd.
Item a peyer of splentes [= laminated armour]	xvjd.
Item a peyer of slevys, j. peyer of gussettes, ij. standerdes, and ij. flankerdes ³ of mayle	vjs. viijd.
Item an olde cote of fens [= fence, defence] and a cusshyn for a pelyon [= pillion]	ijs.

Gownes, with other weryng stuffe.

Item j. gowne of russett furred with olde mar- ternys, ⁴ price	xxiijs. iiijd.
Item j. tawny gowne furred with foxe	vijs.
Item a vyolet gowne furred with white bugge ⁵	viijs.
Item a Musterdyvelys ⁶ gowne furre with blakke lambe	xs.
Item a shorte gowne of Musterdyvelys lynyd with blakke wollyn	iiijs.
Item a shorte gowne of blewe lynyd with blakke wollyn	iiijs. iiijd.
Item a shorte blakke gowne lynyd with blakke wollen	ijs. vjd.
Item a <i>dim</i> . gowne of grene lyned with blakke wollen	ijs. viijd.
Item a blewe raye gowne furred with white lambe, febyll	vs. iiijd.
Item a dowbelet of tawny damaske	xiijs. iiijd.
Item a doubelet of blakke saten, sore worne ..	vs.
Item a doubelet of blakke say	ijs. iiijd.
Item ij. peyer of blakke hosen	ijs. vjd.

¹ Cf. 'pearling' in *New English Dictionary*.

² A peaked cap. See *New English Dictionary*, s.v. 'Bycokot.'

³ Armour for the thigh or for the protection of a horse's flanks. See *New English Dictionary*, s.v. 'Flancard.'

⁴ Marten-skins.

⁵ "Budge," a fur made of lambskin with the wool dressed on the outside.

⁶ Cloth deriving its name from Montivilliers, formerly Mouster Villers, in Normandy (*Seine-Inférieure*).

The Chamber over the Parlour.

Item a lytell ship' cheste, febyll'	viijd.
Item ij. cuschyns of tappystery with <i>dim.</i> connyes	viijd.
Item ij. olde trussyng cofers	xd.
Item an awnderne [= andiron] and a fyre forke	xvjd.
Item a water chafer of brasse	xxijd.

In the withdraught to the same Chamber.

Item a coverlydde of Gaunte [= Ghent] making, febyll'	xiiiijd.
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In the Chamber over the Botery.

Item v. olde cuschyns, the one syde covered with lether, febyll	xijd.
Item an olde russet mantell, motheten	xvjd.
Item an old Normandy byll	iiijd.

In the withdraught to the same Chamber.

Item a coverlydde of Gaunte making, brokyn	viijd.
Item a flatte cheste corved (<i>sic</i>)	xd.

In the Chamber next the Chapell'.

Item an olde cote of fense	xxd.
Item an old batell-axe	iiijd.

In the Chapell'.

Item ij. auter clothes of steyned worke	xxd.
Item ij. other auter clothes of tarturne paled and leyed with double W.	vs.
Item a vestemente of grene ragmersshe ¹ with the imperour	vjs. viiijd.
Item ij. curteynes of rede bokeram	vjd.
Item a corporas of blakke clothe of tyssue	ijs.
Item an other corporas of blewe sylke	vjd.
Item ij. pryket candelstykes of laten	xvjd.
Item a peyer of cruettes of layed metell and a sauns bell of laten	vjd.
Item a holy water stopell' of laten	xijd.
Item a lytell flatte cheste	iiijd.
Item a lytell tabellet of golde nedyll' worke	vs. iiijd.
Item ij. pax bredes	ijd.
Item ij. lytell towelles	iiijd.

In the parclose over the Chapell'.

Item ij. olde clothes bastard steyned	xiiiijd.
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¹ A kind of cloth, See *New English Dictionary*, s.v. 'Ragmas.'

In the Freres Chamber.

Item an olde peynted clothe	iijd.
Item ij. olde materes, i. peyer of blankettes, a coverlydde, an (<i>sic</i>) dagswayne [= coverlet], an (<i>sic</i>) bolster, and a pelowe	vs.

In Wybarnys Chamber.

Item an olde materes and a bolster, a covering of rede wollen, a dagswayne, a syler, and a tester of blewe carde	vjs.
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In the Bedemannys Chamber.

Item an olde materes, a peyer of blankettes, and an olde coverlydde of Yorke making	xxd.
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In the Laborers' Chamber.

Item a syler and tester of grene bokeram, a grene coverlydde with white workes, i. Adam bell', a materes and a bolster	vs. vjd.
Item a lanterne	vjd.

In the Spynnyng Chamber.

Item a jakke covered with white fustyan ..	iijs. iiijd.
Item a styllitory of lede	xxd.
Item a candell' molde	vjd.

In the Chamber over the Stable.

Item ij. materes, ij. bolsters, ij. brokyn coverlyddes and an olde canvas cloth	iijs. iiijd.
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In the Poorche Chamber.

Item a <i>dim.</i> seler of rede say and a hachement steyned	vjd.
Item a ship' cheste with the marke of ij. ..	iijs. viijd.
Item an other ship' cheste with the marke of ij.	iijs. iiijd.
Item a flatte cheste	xvjd.
Item a <i>dim. lib.</i> of coten yarne	iiiijd.

Shetys.

Item a hede shete with the marke of ij. ..	iijs. iiijd.
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Pleyne Clothes.

Item x. boorde clothes pleyne with the marke of j.	xiijs. iiijd.
Item ix. course table clothes with the marke of ij.	vjs. viijd.
Item viij. napkyns pleyne with double milyngez	xvjd.
Item x. napkyns pleyne with sengle milyngez	xijd.
Item iiij. ewry towelles	xiiiijd.
Item viij. course rollers	xviiijd.
Item v. lytell hande towelles	vjd.

Dyaper Napry.

Item ij. of borde clothe of dyaper with the marke of j.	xxvjs. viijd.
Item a towell of dyaper with the marke of j.	iijs. iiijd.
Item iiij. litell napkyns of dyaper, febyll	vjd.

In the Kechyn.

Item a brasse potte of Boleyne [= Boulogne] fashion with the marke of iij.	vs.
Item a frewter ¹ chafer of brasse	ijs. vjd.
Item a lytell chafer with a stele [= handle].	xiiijd.
Item a large skelet with a stele, febyll	vjd.
Item a water chafer of brasse	ijs.
Item ij. cawdernys [= caldrons] unbounde	xxiiijs.
Item a full [= set] of ketelles of brasse, brokyn	xxd.
Item a ladyll and a skemer [= scummer] febyll	vd.
Item a colender of laten	xijd.
Item ij. drepyng pannys of ierne	xijd.

Stuffe of ierne in the Kechyn.

Item iij. trevettes of ierne	vs.
Item iij. gredeiernys, broke and hole	xiiijd.
Item a peyer of rakkes of ierne	vjs.
Item a peyer of cobbeiernys	xiiijd.
Item a pott hangle, ij. pot rakkes, and iij. peyer pot-hokys, a peyer of handyll hokys, and a flesshe hoke	ijs. vjd.
Item iij. standerde spyttes and iij. lytell spyttes	viijs. iiijd.
Item a water laver of laten	xijd.
Item a lytell musterd querne	xijd.
Item a brede grate [= grater] and a pepyr querne	ijd.

Pewter.

Item a garnysshe lakkyng a charger, poiz lxiiijli.	xvjs.
Item a sause botell of ley ² [= pewter] metell'	ijd.

In the Chamber over the Larder.

Item iij. large wollen combys	iijs. iiijd.
Item vj. hachellys [instruments for combing flax] grete and smale	iijs. iiijd.
Item a pryket candelstykke, with ij. nosez, and viij. other candelstykkes of dyverse soortes, grete and smale	iijs. iiijd.
Item in flexe unwrought	ijs.
Item iij. barettes, a basket, ij. pannyers, withe other lumber	xijd.
Item a hangyng almerly in the larder, with other lumber	viiijd.

¹ A fruit-dish (Old French *fruitier*).

² See *New English Dictionary*, s.v. 'Lay, sb. 6.'

In the Brewe House.

Item a masshe fatt, iiij. yelyng¹ tubbys, viij.
kymlynnes,² xiiij. ale stondys, vj. payles, and iiij.
corne trayes xxv.

In the Maltehouse and in the Yarde.

Item a pype, iiij. tubbys, ij. cowlys, withe other
lumber iijs. iiijd.

In the lofte over the Maltehouse.

Item xij. *lib.* of roughe hempe xijd.
Item a lytell dragge-net and an olde shove-
net vs. iiijd.

In the Botery.

Item ij. candelstykkys of laten of the newe
turne ijs.
Item ij. bell candelstykkys xvjd.
Item ij. gyspynnes [leathern pots or cups] of
lether xd.
Item ij. karvyng knyves with white haftes iijs. iiijd.
Item a wode knyfe and a bokeler sworde vjs. viijd.

Plate with other Jewellys.

Item a paxbrede graven with a crucifix, Mary
and John, *dim.* gylte, *pond.* iiij. ounz *dim. et dim.*
quarter, *le* ounz iijs. vd. xijs. iiijd. *ob. quad.*
Item a Paryse boll, with a cover chased codde
rounde parcell gylte, *pond.* xvij. ounz and iiij.
quart., *le* ounz iijs. ijd. lvjs. ijd. *ob.*
Item xxij. sylver sponys with cutte endys,
pond. xxj. ounz and iiij. *quart.*, *le* ounz iijs. jd. vijs. *ob. quad.*
Item ij. sponys withe dyamonde poyntes, *pond.*
j. ounz, *quart.* and *dim.*, *le* ounz iijs. jd. iijs. ijd. *ob. quad.*
Item a basen and an ewer parcell gylte, chased
with a sonne in the botome and greyved with a
skotchyn in armis of iiij. borys hedes, *pond.* l. ounz,
iijs. iiijd. viij*li.* ijs. vjd.
Item a chales with a paten gylte, *pond.* viij.
ounz and *dim.* *quart.*, *le* ounz iijs. iiijd. xxvijs. jd.
Item in redy money nombryd at the tyme of the
decesse of the seyd John' Alfegh xlvi*li.* xs. iiijd.

In Catell.

Item lj. mylche kene [=kine, cows] olde and
yonge, *le* pese vjs. xv*li.* vjs.

¹ Tubs in which the wort was left to ferment. See *New English Dictionary*, s.v. 'Gyle.'

² Small tubs. See *New English Dictionary*, s.v. 'Kimnel.'

- Item xx. steris and heffords [= heifers] of iij.
 yere age, *le pese vs.* *vli.*
 Item xx of ij *zerelyngez, le pese iijs. viijd.* *iijli. xiijs. iiijd.*
 Item xv. weynelles,¹ *le pece ijs. viijd.* *xls.*
 Item x. yonge hogges called "shetys," *le pese*
xiiijd. *xjs. viijd.*
 Item a white horse ambelyng, a donne horse
 trottyng, a bay horse ambelyng, olde and crokyd *xxvjs. viijd.*
 Item iiij. olde hakeney sadylls, with the
 brydylls *vjs. viijd.*
 Item ij. waynes, th'one for corne, th'other for
 wode, with the tyghtez [= traces]. Item a ploughe,
 with ij. sharez and ij. coultys, with the tyghtes.
 Item iij. harowys armyd with ierne *xxvjs. viijd.*

Corne.

- Item xij. quarters of white otys, *le quarter xxd. xxs.*

In the Countyng House.

- Item a caskett *xiiijd.*
 Item a lytyll' olde gardevyan² *xijd.*
 Item viij. pursez of sylke, sore worne *iijs. iiijd.*
 Item a hamper of wykars *ijd.*

In the Store House.

- Item ij. axes, an hachett, ij. heggyng bylles, ij.
 mattokes a shodde sholve, a donge forke of ierne,
 a gryndestone, iiij. algoris [= augers], ij. cheselles,
 ij. wegges [= wedges] of ierne, a stubbe sithe,
 ij. peersers, a pecheforke *vs. iiijd.*

Sperat [= recoverable] Dettes.

(Four items amounting to 155*l.* 19*s.* 11½*d.*)

Summa of all' the preysed godes, redy money and sperat
 dettes : *ccc. xlii. vs. ijd.*

Desperate Dettes.

(Four items amounting to 19*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*)

Dettes that the said testatour oweght atte tyme of hys decesse
 [26 entries].

Item to Nicholas Castell', Richard Thorpe,
 Herry Blysse, John Haveryng, Thomas Wyldebore,
 Edward Welles, Symonde Euerherst, Amy Myles,
 Mergery Newbegyn, Johanna Wasnasch, servauntes
 of the seid testatour, for their severall wages to
 theym dewe by the testatour, to this some, *iiijli. xvijs. xd.*

¹ Weanlings.

² A meat-safe or a chest generally. See *New English Dictionary, s.v.*
 'Garde-viance.'

Fewnerall Exspenses.

Item paid to prestes, clerkes, ryngyng of belles, his leystowe,¹ lynnyn and wollyn cloth, brede, ale, wyne, wexe, flessh, fyssh, spices, with other necessarys, and yevyng in almese to poure people xlvj*li*. xijs. ob.

The probate of the testament, with all other thynges that longeth therto vij*li*. xijs. iiij*d*. 236.

1541, March 12.—Inventory of the goods, chattels, and debts of Sir Edward Willoughby, knight, late of Woodlande, co. Dorset, including the following :

“ Funerell expensis.

In primis, to the parson for his grave in the chansell xs.
 Item his wynddyng sheytte and his cheste [= coffin], wythe a stone of marble xx*s*.
 Item dolte [= dole] to pore men iiij*li*.
 Item for tapers of wexe xx*s*.
 Item for torchis xs.
 Item for blacke cotton of the herse xs.
 Item to prestes and clarkes for masse and *dirige* xx*s*.
 Item for masse pens x*xd*.
 Summa : vij*li*. vjs. viij*d*.

Expenses at the monethes mynd.

In primis for the herrode [= herald] orderyng the names xx*s*.
 Item to Mr. Wryght, the kinges paynter xv*li*.
 Item to prystes and clerkes iiij*li*.
 Item to poore men xiiij*li*. xiijs. ijd.
 Item for vestymentes borroed x*xd*.
 Item to Ryc. Goodbody for viij. torches staves xx*ij*s.
 Item payd to the same parson for tapers xvjs. ijd.
 Item the offering of the masses d (*sic*) pens vjs.
 Item to Syr Vynsent to pray for the deade the moneth ijs. vjd.
 Item the offering at *Requiem* masse vs.
 Item to a mason fastenyng howkes and yrons xijd.
 Item to the ryngers xviiij*d*.
 Item for the blakes bowght xxxviij*li*. vjs. vjd.
 Item the house-keping the moneth to kepe the household and servantes together xxvi*li*.
 Item the charges at the diner at the moneth mynd xv*l*.
 Item the servantes wages, men and women xv*l*. xijs. xd.
 Item payd to the phisition iiij*li*.
 Summa : cxxxij*li*. viijs. iiij*d*.

¹ Burial-place, grave (AS. *leger-stow*).

Ordinary charges.

In primis a letter <i>ad colligendum</i>	xiijs.	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item for a proxe .. .. .	.. .. .	xv <i>d.</i>
Item for the obligation.. .. .	.. .. .	xij <i>d.</i>
Item for the wexe .. .. .	.. .. .	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item costes and charges in procuryng .. .. .	.. .. .	xxs.
Item the procter's fee .. .. .	.. .. .	iijs. iiij <i>d.</i>
Item the charges of the inventory .. .. .	.. .. .	xiijs. iiij <i>d.</i>
Summa : lijs. viij <i>d.</i> ”		181 (196).

.. 1548, June 6.—Inventory of the goods of Sir Thomas Willughby, knt., “oon of the kinges Justices of his Commen Place,” appraised by Walter Fuller, of Penseherste, co. Kent, gent., and William Bogen, of the same parish, yeoman. Long parchment roll. 205.

1549, January 4.—Inventory of goods and debts of Sir John Willoughbye, knight, of co. Warwick, lately deceased. 188.

1549, August 30.—Book in handwriting of George Medley containing inventory of the goods of Henry Willoughbye esquire, taken at Myddelton. 205.

1550, October 4.—Long paper roll containing an inventory of the goods of Henry Willoughby, esquire, of Myddleton, co. Warwick, appraised by John Rowe, clerk, Mr. Peerse Ithell, Master Trussell, John Hodde, and John Henlye. Appended is “The honourments of the chapell at Mydylton with all other thynges as hereafter foloweth, to remeyne after my deceesse unto my neyvewe Henry Wylloughby, and his heyres,” signed “John’ Willughby.” Both inventories specify much plate. 205.

[1550.]—Inventory of furniture, etc., at Wollaton Hall in George Medley’s hand.¹

Chappell Stufe.

Item a vestment of tawnye velvet, with a crosse of greene velvett, with the armes of the waterbudge,² the stole and the fannan, an albe to the same, an ammys [= amice], and a girdle.

A cope of cremoysyn and greene damaske, embrodered wyth angells, flowerdelices and branches.

A sute [= suite] of redde sylke saye for the deacon and subdeacon, with three albes and three ammyses, never a one like the other, and a girdle.

An olde vestment of blacke vellvett (*sic*), with a crosse of cremoysyn velvett and the water boudge upon hit, an albe and the ammys to the same, with the stole, and fannon. One girdell.

¹ The words in square brackets are taken from another copy.

² The Waterbouget from the Willoughby arms.

A sute of blacke chamblett, with a crosse of clothe of baudekyn for priest, deacon and subdeacon, with three albes, three ammysses, with two stoles, two fannons, and two girdles.

Item a cope of blacke sylke saye, with a border of greene satten of Burdges [=Bruges].

[Fo. 1 verso.]

Two vestmentes of tawnye damaske with crosses of greene damaske, with two albes, two ammysses, two stoles, two fannons.

A vestment of tynsell [=cloth of gold], with a crosse of greene velvett, with stole, fannon, and pares [=parure]. Item a girdell.

A vestment of dornix [cloth from Dornick, *i.e.* Tournay] with a crosse of redde satten of Burdges [=Bruges] embrodered, with albe, ammys, stole, fannon and girdell.

A vestment of white fustian with a crosse of redde saye embrodered, with an albe, ammys, and stole.

A sute of blacke vellett (*sic*) with crosses of tawnye velvett for priest, deacon, and subdeacon, and a cope of the same, three albes, three ammysses, two stoles, thre fannons, and two girdells.

A vestment of chaungable sylke with crosses of blewe satten, embrodered with ymages, an albe, an ammys, a stole, a fannon, and a girdle.

A vestment of cremoysyn sylke embrodered with crosses of clothe of golde, needle worke upon hit, an albe, an ammys, a stole, and a fannon for the same.

A frunt for an alter of blewe silke saye embrodered.

A nother of dun braunched sylke, an other longe frunt of white dunnyshe sylke of damaske worke.

Two fruntes of paynted lynen clothe.

Two fruntes of redde and greene saye in panes lyned, and fyve curtens of the same saye.

A pyllowe of changeable sylke diaper that they laye upon the alter.

[Fo. 2.]

A cope of blewe velvett braunched with lyllye pottes.

Two tunicles for deacon and subdeacon of olde cremoysyn velvett, with goune hooles.

[A cope of whitte taffa edged with grene velvett.]

A vestment of blacke worsted with a crosse of redde saye.

A tunicle of greene sylke dornix for a subdeacon.

An olde vestement of white bustian.¹

An albe and ammyss with the pares [=parures] of purple velvett.

Sheetes.

A fyne sheete of camericke of foure breades, olde and worne, foure yardes and halfe in lengthe.

¹ A cotton fabric. See *New English Dictionary*.

A fyne sheete of three breades, olde and worne, foure yardes and a half in lengthe.

A payre of sheetes of foure breades, olde and worne, foure yardes and a half longe.

A payre of sheetes of foure breades, olde and worne, whereof one sheete is three yardes three quarters longe, and the other is foure yardes and one quarter longe.

A payre of two breades and a half, olde and worne, foure yardes longe.

Fyve payre and a halfe of course canvas sheetes of two breades. xxij. payre and a half of two breades of the worst sort, moche broken and woren.

[*Fo. 2 verso.*]

Item three course sheetes, moche worne.

Item syx pillowbeares [= pillow-cases].

¹Item a peyre of olde cwurse canvas worne sheetes, ragged and torne, delyvred after offe Shyfelde's bed.

¹Item one payre of fyne sheetes, whereof one is ij. breades and a halfe, iiij. yardes longe, and the other is three breades, and that is olde and worne.

¹Item ij. payre and *dim.* meydlynge sheetes, veye olde and worne, of ij. breades.

¹One payre of harden [=cloth made of the hards of flax or hemp] sheetes, olde and worne.

Fustians.

One payre of fustians, whereof one is of fyve yardes in length and off fyve breades, and the other is foure yardes and a halfe longe and vj. breades.

One payre of fustians of three yardes longe, and one is three breades, and the other of three and a half.

One fustian more of three breades and three yardes longe.

[*Fo. 3.*]

Naperye.

Diaper towelles for the table, olde and worne, fyve ; diaper table clothes, olde and worne, fyve ; table clothes olde and worne, fyve.

Table clothes olde and worne, some v. yardes longe, some vj., some vij., some viij.—fyftene.

One newe table clothe of canvas, vij. yardes longe.

One newe table clothe of hardyn, fyve yardes longe.

A sewinge towell of diaper.

Table clothes, olde and worne, three.

A coverpane of diaper, olde.

Three broken coubbarde clothes and one of diaper.

¹ij. harden toweles, olde and worne, and one of flaxen.

¹iiij. diaper napkyns, ij. flaxen napkens, vj. pyllowe-beares [= pillow-cases], olde and worne.

¹ Added in another hand.

*Naperie and Lynen, with other stuffe sent to my cousyn¹ Maister
Thomas Willoughbye at Cambridge.*

First two shorte table clothes.

Two couborde clothes.

Two towelles.

Syk napkins, wherof foure are of diaper and two playne.

Two cousshins.

Item a hanginge of paynted lynen clothe, with a border of susanna [a species of cloth], conteyninge xxxiiij panes.

Item a coveringe for a couborde of the same, conteyninge three panes.

[Fo. 3 verso.]

*For my cousyn² Mestres Margarett and Frannces Willoughbye
at Tylteye.*

Two payre of sheetes of two breades, and one sheete of two breades and a half.

Two coubarde clothes.

Three towelles, wherof two longe and one shorte.

Syx playne napkins.

Two cusshins.

A quilte of dornix rayed blewe and white, lyned with blewe buckeram.

Syr John Willoughbie's Bedde Chambre.

A tester of greene satten, with curtins of greene sarcenet, verye olde.

A longe lowe coffer with two lyddes.

Two greate standinge chestes.

Two payre of bellowes.

A fyer shovell.

A hammer to breake coles withall.

A payre of tongues.

A chayre with a close stole.

A coubarde.

In the closett by the Chymneye Syde.

A little coffer.

[Fo. 4.]

In the Chappell.

A hanginge of greene and redde saye.

Two candlestickes.

Two cruettes.

In the owter Closett.

Two longe coffers.

A coubarde.

A heare clothe [= a strainer made of hair-cloth].

In the Garrett.

A beddesteade of bourdes.

A coffer.

A bourde.

A payre of trestells and a fourme.

¹ The words 'my cousyn' are cancelled, and 'Maister' is added.

² The words 'my cousyn' are cancelled, and 'Mestres' is added.

[Fo. 4 verso.]

The Stone Parlour.

Two greate longe bourdes.

Syx fourmes.

vj trestells.

Two narrowe longe coffers, wherin is a vestment of white fustian, vereye olde, with albe, ammys, stole, and fannon, and two corporaces within one case, two cruetts, a bell, a courtyn of greene and redde saye. Item an olde towell.

Item two olde curteyns of dornix and a tester to hit.

A hoole pece of girth webbe.

The Parlour next to the Stone Parlour.

A joyned beddesteade.

A beddesteade of bourdes and a tester over hit of stayned clothe.

A shippe coffer.

[Fo. 5.]

The Chambre next to the Dynyng Chambre.

A beddesteade.

Mestres Dracottes Chambre.

Two beddesteades.

A chayre.

A fourme.

A coubbarde.

The Closett in the Gallerye.

Two emptye coffers.

[Fo. 5 verso.]

My Ladye Fitzhughes Chambre.

A high beddesteade.

A trundell bedde.

A greate longe coffer with three lockes.

A coubbarde.

A chayre.

One fourme.

A payre of tongues.

The Little Chambre next to hit.

A beddesteade.

An emptye shippe coffer.

The Greate Chambre.

A beddesteade of bourdes.

A foldinge table with trestells.

Foure fourmes, greate and smale.

A coubbarde.

[Fo. 6.]

The Inner Chambre within that.

A beddesteade of bourdes.
 A coffer.
 A peace of weynescotte by the wall.

[Fo. 6 verso.]

The Knyghtes Chambre.

A high beddesteade.
 A trundell bedde.
 A longe coffer.
 A coubbarde.
 A testar of Arras worke.
 Fyve peaces of greene saye, olde and torne, for hangynges
 for the chambre.

[Fo. 5 verso.]

The nexte Chambre to hit.

Two beddesteades.
 Two olde sparvers [= hangings for a bed] of greene saye,
 rotten and toren.

[Fo. 7.]

The Chambre over the Gate.

A beddesteade of bourdes.
 A fetherbedde.
 Two mattresses.
 A payre of blanketts.
 Two olde coverletts.
 A hillinge [= coverlet] lyned, olde and worne.
 Two bolsters, wherof one of ticke, the other of fustian,
 both with fethers.
 A pillowe of fustian with fethers.
 Two little coubbardes.

*The Chambre next to the Porter's Lodge called "the Stuard's
Chambre."*

One beddesteade.
 Two coubbardes.
 Two shorte formes.

John Tayliour's Chambre.

Three beddesteades.

[Fo. 7 verso.]

Mr. Edgerton's Chambre.

A beddesteade.
 Two fourmes.
 A tester of stayned worke.
 A tourned chayre.
 A presse of bourdes joyned fast to the wall.

The Chambre next to hit.

A beddesteade.
 A fourme.

Thomas Bowdes Chambre.

Two beddesteades.
 Two fourmes.
 A presse of bourdes.

[Fo. 8.]

The Sycke Folkes' Chambre, otherwise called Costes Chambre.

A beddesteade.

The Well Chambre.

Two beddesteades.

The Armerye above.

xx sheeffes of arrowes without heddес.
 A box full of arrowheddes.
 Two caces for sheeffe arrowes.
 xx^{ti} newe jackes covered with russett fustian.
 vj. newe quilted jackes for horsemen.
 ix. olde plated cases.
 xvj. jackes.
 Item a hale [= tent].
 Bowes of elme, xxij^{ti}.
 Bowes of ewe, one.

[Fo. 8 verso.]

*The armerye benethe [cancelled].**Hydes Chambre.*

A beddesteade.

The Ewerye.

A beddesteade,¹ ij. coverlettes, ij. blanketts, a mattresse, a
 bolster.

[Fo. 9.]

The Parlour by the Buttrye.

A shippe coffer.
 Two bourdes of two planks.
 Foure fourmes.

The Porter's Lodge.

A beddestedde and a fourme.

The Buttrye.

xj. blacke lether jackes.
 Foure olde lether bottles.
 Two olde coffers.
 Two binges [= bins] for bredde.
 Two shorte bourdes.
 xij. candlestickes of latten.
 vij. lomes [= vessels].
 An almerye [= aumbry].
 Two chippinge knyfes.
 Two dozayne of trenchers.

[Fo. 9 verso.]

The Stable.

A beddesteade.

¹ Added in another hand.

The Oxehousse.

A Beddesteade.

[Fo. 10.]

[*Other stuff gathered to gether and layed upp in the Dyninge Chambrẽ.*]

Eleven fetherbeddes and xj. bolsters, whereof fyve large and fyve of a lesse sort, all of tycke, savinge one, and that is one of the greatest sort and is of fustian.

Item a fyne quilte for the best bedde.

xiiij. mattresses of canvas stuffed with floxe.

xvj. bolsters for the same, wherof foure of tycke stuffed with fethers, one of canvas stuffed with fethers, and vij. of canvas stuffed with floxe.

Twelve coverletts lyned, wherof one of fowles and byrdes somewhat good, the resydewe be olde and moche worne.

A fayre coveringe of wilde beastes of Arreys worke unlyned.

Other coverletts olde and worne, unlyned, xxxiiij.

Blanketts, xlviij.

A coveringe of canvas furred with greye coneye.

Pillowes, foure.

Carpettes for tables of tapestrye worke, olde and worne, iiij.

Carpettes for coubbardes of lyke sort, fyve.

Two peaces for benches lyned, whereof one is of Arreies worke.

A stayned peacc lyned to drawe before a wyndowe.

A tester for a bedde of greene buckeram and redde.

[Fo. 10 verso.]

The Dyninge Chambrẽ.

Eight peaces of olde Arreies worke lyned, moche worne and broken.

An olde clocke.

Two tourned stoles.

Two trussinge coffers

One chest.

A coubbarde.

Two longe tables.

Two payre of trestells.

¹Coossyans.

[Fo. 11.]

In the Kychen [and Larder Housse].

Item a skeylet.

xvij. brasse pannes, olde and worne, wherof foure greate, nyne brasse pottes, whereof foure greate, two of a lesse sort and three smale.

Two chafers wherof one greate and th'other smale.

A greate boylinge potte of brasse, sett fast in stone.

A payre of rackes.

A payre of cobberdes [= sockets for the ends of spits to revolve in].

¹ Added in another hand.

Three greate and longe square spyttes and one smale, one greate longe rounde spitte, two of a lesse sort and a smale one.

A stone mortar.

A greate grydyerne.

Three trevetts, wherof two three-square and the other rounde.

Two chafing dysshes, olde and worne.

Two brazen morters, wherof one greate and the other of a lesse sort.

Item a pestell to the sayde morters.

One other lyttell mortar with pestell.

Syx gamysshe [=sets] of good pewter vessell; and in every gamysshe xij. platters, xij. disshes, and xij. sawcers.

xxviij odde platters, whereof vj. verye fayre and the rest of a worsse sort.

xxj. porringers, good and badde.

vj. fayre greate sawsers.

Foure newe chargers, and two olde.

xiiij platters verye olde, broken and bowed, of a lesse sorte. xij disshes of a meane sorte.

xxij olde brosed [=bruised] and broken disshes.

Nyne sawsers, moche broken and bowed.

Two basons and an ewer, verye olde.

A cullander.

A lowe candlesticke of pewter with two socketts.

A greate dressinge knyfe.

[*Fo. 11 verso.*]

Two chopping knyves and a shredinge knife.

A fleshe axe.

vj. bourdes short and longe.

Two payre of pott hookes.

A skymmer.

Three olde bredde grates [=graters].

A longe brandierne, olde and broken.

Fyve dryppinge pannes, olde and moche worne.

Two fryinge pannes, olde and worne.

Three kymmells and a close kytt.

Two bryne tubbes.

A cheze presse.

A hoggeshedde.

A verges [=verjuice] barrell.

vj. bourdes, longe and shorte.

A payre of mustarde quernes.

Two tallowe spades.

Two stamples of the water boudge for vessell.

A brande of the water boudge to marke cattell.

[*Fo. 12.*]

In the Backhousse [=Bakehouse].

Two brewinge leades [=leaden vats], wherof one greate and the other halfe so bigge.

Nyne wort leddes.
 Two fattes and two brode kymmells.
 A knedinge troughe.
 A mouldinge bourde.
 One other bourde with a payre of standynge trestells.
 A beddesteade of bourdes and a fourme.
 A boultynge hutche and a smale fatte.
 A lyttell kymmell.

Sir Robertes Chambre.

A newe fetherbedde.
 A newe bolster.
 Two mattresses.
 A payre of blanketts.
 Two coverletts.
 A hillinge lyned.
 A coffer.
 A cheyre.

[*Fo. 12 verso.*]

In the Chambre within that.

A trundell bedde.
 A mattresse.
 Two bolsters, wherof one of ticke stuffed with fethers,
 and the other of canvas stuffed with floxe, olde and worne.
 An olde coverlett.

The Armerye benethe.

xviiij. payre of Almon [= Almain] ryvetts.
 Fyfte payre of splentes for Almon ryvetts.
 Foure hedde peaces for dymylances.
 One harnessse called "a payre of curetts" [= cuirasses].
 Fortye and iij. salletts [= headpieces].
 A payre of briggendors [= brigandines].
 A jacke of white lynen clothe.
 xvj. payre of olde blacke splyntes.
 A payre of bumbardes, broken.
 A payre of vambraces, [armour for the } for a dymylance.
 forearm].
 Thirtene leade maulles [= mallets].
 xiiij. billes.
 vij. hobberdes [= halberds]
 Three pollaxes.
 Fyve han[d]gonnes, wherof one lacketh a stocke.
 A lytle brass peace.
 One horne with purses for powder and pelletts [= bullets].
 An armyng barrell.
 A payre of sheers to clippe plate.
 A little hooke-tothe [= stithy, anvil], to ryvet upon.
 A ryvitinge hammer and a fyle.
 A payre of nyppers.
 xx. peaces smale and greate of dyvers kyndes of harnessse.

[Fo. 13.]

The New Stoore Housse.

Nyne barres of eyren, wherof fyve longe and iiij. shorte.
 Twelve teames.
 A payre of bridells for a sleade [= sledge].
 Tenne lannde¹ yolkes.
 Two coppe² yolkes.
 A weyne roope, olde and worne.
 Two payre of weyne clyves³.
 Fyve payre of ploughe clevis³ having but foure boltes.
 Foure lanndes¹ for ploughes.
 vj. pytche forkes.
 Fyve coulter.
 Foure olde shares.
 viij. olde weyne fretts⁴.
 Foure wymbles [= augers] greate and smale.
 A framynge sawe.
 An olde buckett with bandes of eyren.
 xxxv sakes, olde and worne.
 Foure olde wynnowe clothes.
 A hooke for a ferne [= windlass].
 Nyne myll peckes.
 A sheepe brande with the waterboudge.
 Three spades.
 A longe rake for a stacke.
 A shorte rake for the garden.
 Two paringe eyrens for the garden.
 A greate peace of eyren with nyckes to make hammers for
 the cole pitts.

[Fo. 13 verso.]

John Halles Chambre.

A mattresse.
 A fetherbedde.
 Two blanketts.
 A bolster of ticke with fethers.
 Two course coverletts.
 A course coveringe lyned.
 A beddestedde of bourdes.
 A trundell beddesteade.
 A mattresse.
 An olde little fetherbedde, moche woren and toren.
 A bolster of ticke with fethers.
 Two blanketts.

¹ Not in the *New English Dictionary*. 'Landes' are mentioned by Fitzherbert's *Husbandry* in 1523 as part of the harness of oxen or horses, in a passage quoted in the former work, *s.v.* 'Bow, sb. 1,' § 5. According to the *English Dialect Dictionary* 'land' means the hook by which the swingle-tree is attached to the yoke of a plough. Cf. also 'lantree,' 'lanes' in the same dictionary.

² The beam or pole of a plough or wagon. See *New English Dictionary*, *s.v.* 'Cope, sb. 4.'

³ See *New English Dictionary*, *s.v.* 'Clevis.'

⁴ Iron hoops for the naves of wheels. See *New English Dictionary*, *s.v.* 'Fret, sb. 5.'

Two olde coverletts.
 Two cousshins.
 A turned cheyre.
 A coubarde of bourdes.
 A bourde and a payre of trestells.
 An olde carpett.
 A shorte fourme by the bedde.
 A tester of dornix, moche woren and toren.

[Fo. 14.]

In the Chambre next to the Gate.

Two beddesteades.
 A narowe bourde.
 A payre of trestells.
 A fourme.

In the next Chambre to hit towards the Churche.

- Two beddesteades of bourdes. 205
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In the Great Chamber nexte the Garden.

- Item ij. drawing tables.
 Item ij. cubwardes.
 Item j. forme.
 Item j. gryne velfatt cushen.
 Item a longe cushen of nydle worke.
 Item one imbrodered cushen wythe crown and rose.
 Item one imbrodered cheare.
 Item a nydle work cheare with a covre of red buckerum.

Item j. lether cheare.
 Item ij. Turkey stooles
 Item iij. maxers¹.
 Item j. iorne gret.
 Item a fyer shovell.

In the Prynce's Chamber.

A pere a bellowes.
 Item a fetterbed, a bolster, ij. pylloes, a mattres, a pere of blankettes, a sylke quylte lyned with red sea [= say].
 Item v. sylk curtenes, red and yellowe.
 The testorne [= tester] of the bed of red damask, with gold lace, with armes imbrodered.
 Item one cheere of blew velfedd and ij. stoles, a lesser and a bigger, a blewe velfett cushen.
 Item a cubword and a lytell square table, ij. blewe curtens, j. maxre, one iorne grete.

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In the Inner Chamber.

Item a fetterbed, a bolster, one blanked, a red rugg, a canoby of yellowe sylk.

In the Chamber nexte the Prynce's Chamber.

Item a fetter bed, a bolster, a pyllo, on blanket, on coveringe, old.
 Item fyve gryne sea curtenes, the testerne of the bed gryne velfedd and red.
 Item on cubward, a joyne stole.

In the Quyne's Chamber.

Item a fetter bed, a bolster, a pere of blankettes, a mattres, a whyte woll quylte.
 Item a yalloe sylk covering lyned with yallowe sea.
 Item v. yalloe sylke curtenes.
 The bed testerne of red velfett and other yalloe stuff.
 Item on blewe velfett cheare imbrodered, one cubward.
 Item on iorne gret.

In the Chamber nexte the Quyne's Chamber.

Item a fetterbed, a bolster, a mattres, on olde coverlet and a rugg, a half cannaby of dornex, with three curtenes of sea, blewe and yalloe.
 Item vij. peces of dornex honging in the same chamber, one lytell Terky stole, and a joyne stole.

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In the Inner Chamber next the Quyne's Chamber.

Item a fetterbed, a bolster, one blankett.

¹ Not in *New English Dictionary*.

In the Great Chamber next the Quyne's Chamber.

Item a longe table.

Item a short table, one cubward, one barfett stolle.

Item ij. formes, the one forme his in the loby.

Item viij. peces of hanginges.

At the Gallary Dore.

Item a table.

In the Gallary.

A table of stone with red buckerum.

Item on rownd table standing uppon a foote.

A cheare covered with red lether.

Item xxij. maxes and a armes [= coats of arms] in glasse.

In the Gallary Chamber upon the Northe.

Item a fetter bed, a bolster, a pylloe, a blanket, a pylloe, a blankett, a yelloe rugg.

A testerne of whyt stuff tuffett, with curtenes, a square ta[b]le, a joyne stoyle.

In the Gallary Chamber upon the Est.

Item one fetter bed, a lytell cubward, a pere of bellows, a pere of snuffers, a fyre shoffell.

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At the East Gallary doore.

Item a table and frame.

In the East Tyrett.

A fetter bed, a bolster, iij. pylloes, a mattres, one blankett.

A quylte of yalloe stuff lyned with fustyon, v. curtenes of greene and red sea, a testerne of whyte and blewe sack clothe.

A square table and a joyne stole, a lytell lowe stolle covered with lether.

One iorne creper¹.

A pere of bellowes.

In the Chamber under the same Chamber.

A fetterbed, a bolster, a mattres, one blanket, one red sylk quylte.

In the Northe Tyrett.

A fetter bed, a bolster, a green koveringe, a yellow and red koveringe, a pece of old dornex, a joyne stoole.

In the Southe Tower.

Item a fetter bed, a bolster, a mattres, one blankett, one whyte quylt.

Item on square table.

Item one old chear.

¹ A small andiron or fire-dog. See *New English Dict.*, s.v. 'creeper, 6.'

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In the Parler.

A greate table, ij. formes, a lesser drawing table, ij. cubwardes, a lytell form.

Item a cheare of lether, one imbrodered cheare.

Item vij. Twrky stooles.

Item ij. joyne stoles.

Item iij. gryne carpettes, one pewter sesterne.

Item one skryne, a pere of bellowes, a pere of snuffers.

Item one mappe.

Item a pere of tables.

Item on iorne grate.

In the Duke's Chamber.

Item a fetterbed, a bolster, a pere of pylloes, a mattres, a blankett, one whyt rugg.

Item fyve sylke curtens whyt and gryne, a bed, testerne with valenes of brougett¹ stuffe, gryne and whyte.

Item old broken cheare of clothe o' sylver, on Turkey cusshen, one blewe curten, one joyne stole, one iorne grate, a pere of tonges.

In the Inner Chamber.

Item j. fether bed, one bolster, one mattres, one blankett, one yellow sylke quylte lyned with fustyon, one iorne grate.

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In the West Chamber next the Gates.

Item a fetter bed, a bolster, a blankett, a rugg of ashe collar.

Item a fyld bedd of a carnashion stuffe, tuffed.

Item a cubward.

Item a joyne stole, a cushen of nydleworke, a pere of bellowes, tonges, and fyer shovell.

In the Inner Chamber.

Item a fetter bed, a bolster, a blankett, one olde yalloe quylt of stuff lyned with whyt fustion.

In the Pantry Chamber.

Item a fether bed, a bolster, a mattres, a blankett, a coverlet, old, ij. old iorne bound chestes, one lytell table with a cubward in yt.

Item one lytell square table and a joyne stole.

In my Mr. Bed Chamber.

Item a fetterbed, a bolster, a pere of pylloes, iij. blankettes, a whyte quylte, a checker rugg, old, a fyld bedd stanall [= 'stamel,' a coarse cloth] clothe frynged, with iij. curtens sutable to the same.

Item ij. wanskott chestes, a cubward, a lytell table, a truncke, a cheare covered with black lether, a joyne stolle, a pere belloes, fyer shoffel and tonges, a pere of snuffers.

¹ Cf. *New English Dictionary*, s.v. 'Brogetie.'

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In the Inner Chamber.

Item a fether bed, a bolster, on pylloe, a mattres, one blankett, j. gryne sea quylte lyned with fustion, iij. curtenes with yalloe and gryne sea, a standing bed of stamell clothe with my Mr. his armes imbrodered.

Item an other fether bed and ij. bolsters in the same chamber, a pere of blankettes.

Item a gryne sea quylte lyned with fustion.

Item an olde cannaby of stuffe.

Item in the same chamber an other fether bed upon a pallett, a bolster, a whyte blankett.

Item a blewe blankett.

Item ij. Turkey stoles, a lyttell cheare covered with lether.

Item a cubward, a wanskott cheste.

Item j. iorne grate with ij. crepers,¹ one fyer shovell.

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In Mrs. Sturles' [= Strelley's] Chamber.

Item a fether bed, a bolster, a blankett, a gryne rugg, a whyte fustion blankett.

Item a standing bed of crymsone velfett with fyve red sylke curtenes.

Item more upon a pallett in the same chamber, a fether bed, a bolster, a blankett, an olde coveringe and other olde coveringe of sylke, all to pyces, ij. cubwardes, one cheare covered with lether.

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In Mrs. Sturle's Chamber.

One creper of iorne.

Item a fyer shovell, and a pere of tonges.

Item a blewe curten, a joyne stoole.

In the Inner Chamber.

Item ij. fether beds, one bolster, a pere of pylloves, ij. blankettes, one old covering.

Item iorne grate.

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In the Wardroppe.

Imprimis vj. peces of hanginges, j. pece of dornex that covers them.

Item vj. Turkey carpettes.

Item ij. gryne carpettes.

Item one popyngay [= parrot] gryne carpett, which my Lade took to Mydelton.

Item one cubwart clothe of gryne.

Item a testerne for a bed of changable [= shot] stuffe, lyned with yalloe buckrum.

¹ See p. 487, note 1, above.

Item sylke counterpane for a bed of blewe sylk, with yalloe and blewe frynge.

Item iij. blewe sea [= say] curtenes.

Item iij. yelloe sea curtenes, a lytell pece of red and yalloe sy[l]k for a bedes head.

Item a cubwart cloth of nydle worke lyned with redd buckarum.

Item j. cubwart cloth of nydle worke lyned wyth gryne clothe.

Item on whyt quylte.

Item ij. old fetter bedes.

Item fustyon bed with downe in yt.

Item iiij. peces of blewe for carpettes or curtenes, old.

Item ij. old Turkye carpettes.

Item an old testerne for a bed of Arras.

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In the Wardropp.

Item an old pece of clothe for a counter.

Item a pece of old hanging.

Item iiij. peces of dornex for hanginges.

Item on old mattres.

Item old velfett sadle.

Item an old fether bed tyck.

Item a old bolster tyck.

Item v. instreumentes with cases.

Item a tyller boe¹.

Item a whyt lute of bone.

Item a pryvy cote.

Item a casse of dagges [= pistols].

Item a male of lether.

Item a truncke sadle.

Item a sylke stremer.

Item ij. long curten rodes.

Item short curten rodd.

Item a bar forme to hange pottes and thre thinges of iorn to beare the barr upone.

Item on iorn pyck.

Item a iorne gret and a fyer shoffell.

A standing bedsted corded.

Item a drome and drom stickes.

Delivered to the Deary House.

Item one fetter bed, one bolster, one mattres, j. blankett, ij. coveringes.

In Will. Sore's Chamber.

Item one mattres.

¹ From the fact of the 'tyller boe' being kept in the wardrobe, it would seem to have been some species of bow for shooting.

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In the Cooke's Chamber.

- Item a fetter bedd, a bolster.
- Item a redd coverlett.
- Item a flocke bed.
- Item an old pece of kovering.
- Item a pece of an old quilt, ragged and torne.

In the Porter's Lodg.

- Item a fetter bed, an old bolster, a pylloe, ij. olde blankettes.
- Item auld quylte, an old truncke.
- Item an old chear.

In Margete's Chamber.

- An old mattres, a covering, a bolster.
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PAPERS AND ACCOUNTS RELATING TO COAL-MINES AND IRON-FORGES.

A great mass of accounts and other papers connected with these two industries occupy Bin number 7, division 3, and others occur in some of the numbered bundles. The number of accounts of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, especially the latter, is very great. Some of the sixteenth century accounts are noticed above with the Household accounts. The papers here printed form an infinitesimal proportion of the total mass.

1526.—Account of coal getting, from 13 February to 24 December, 17 Henry VIII., giving the quantity got by each collier week by week, in the following form:—

"L. Lambe gatt xiiij roke ¹	} The hire iiijs. xd.	} viijs. ijd.
A roke soft of those		
In hande ix roke		
A roke soft of those.		
Summa in the felde : vj roke and dim.		
H. Shawe gatt xiiij roke	} The hyre vjs. vd.	
dim. a roke soft of those		
In hand iiiij roke and dim.		
Item they (<i>sic</i>) gatt ij pyckeshaftes	} The hyre ijs.	
a roke of colys		
Summa in the felde : iiiij ^{xx} roke and dim.		
dim. a roke soft of those.		

[The other names are R. Falowys, N. Yreland, James Wylson, H. Ferneley, R. Lynwode, B. Yerle, J. Spede, G. Hartyshorn, and J. Alyn, some of whom occur for part of the time of the account only.]

Summa totalis libri : ccccxxviiijli. xiijs. xjd. ob.

Summa totalis deductionis : xvli. xjs. iijd." 205.

1548.—"The colpytt booke from the Natyvytie of our Lorde in anno regni regis E. vj^{ti}. ij^{do}."

"Nota, before the raysyng off the price off the coles, every rooke¹ off harde cole was valewed at xviijd., and syth that raysyng every rooke is praysed at ijs. Item every rooke of softe cole was worth xijs. But now the softe cole goeth with the harde cole without anye diversitie of price." It is noted in the book that "the enhauncyng off the price off coles, that is to wete vjd. in every rooke, so that every rooke is ijs.," began on 6 April. These notes are in the handwriting of George Medley.

The following note (also in Medley's hand) occurs at the foot of the page containing the account for 23 August:—
"Memorandum, the xxvij^{te} of Auguste in this weeke, anno regni regis Edwardi Sexti 3, was Mr. Henrye Willoughbye slayne at Norwyche by the rebels there."

"Summa totalis hujus libri hoc anno recepta : iiiij^cxviiijli. xijd."

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¹ See page 169, note 1, above.

1548.—“The syngkyng booke from the Natyvitie of Our Lorde in *anno regni regis Edwardi Sexti secundo*. [Weekly accounts.]

January 19. “Paid to Pole and his feylows for dryvving of a thyrle [= a shaft] in the newe leyvell, by daytale, for iiij. dayes *dim.* [= half] iiijs. vjd.”

February 1. “Paid to Richarde Smaley and his feylows in earnest of syngkyng a pit, after iiij. the heght¹ iiijd.”

March 2. “Paid to Smaley and one with hym for ij. dayes at clevving and makyng of pic-helves xvjd.”

” ” “Paid to the said Burton for thakyng up the tymber in a depe shafte viijd.”

March 16. “Paid to Smaley and his feylows for a heght iiijs.”

” ” “Paid to John Leyves, Edward Deyne, John Bradbry, and James Tole, every one of them iiij. days worke and *dim.* at syngkyng of ij. bassett² pitts vjd.”

May 18. “Paid to Dicons and his feylows for ij. heghtes and *dim.* in scoryng a olde pit. xs. vjd.”

June 8. “Paid to Smaley for a newe waloer³ iiijd.”

June 15. “Paid to Smaley for shotyng [= straightening ?] of a waloer iiijd.”

June 28. “Paid to Burton, Baker, Nyxson, and Hill, beyng dryven forth with the dampe of ther pit, for a day worke at the heye way xvjd.”

September 14. “Paid to Homfrey Burton and ij. with hym for tymbryng and makyng the myne in the tops of the pit benethe Hudson loge vijs. iiijd.”

September 28. “Paid to Faullocs and ij. with hym for v. dayes and *dim.* and Henry Richardes ij. dayes and *dim.* at brekyng of the bothom and tymbryng of the nether myne vjs. viijd.”

” ” “Paid to Tomlyn for xij. lodes of puncions caryeng vjs. vjd.”

December 24. “Paid to the pit ryves [= reeves] in parte of recompence for ther paynes for gyeing [= directing] the workes xs.”

[The account for the purchase of tallow and charges in connexion therewith amounts to 18*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.*, exclusive of the cost of making the candles.] 205

1548-9.—“The colpitt booke of Bylbrough Closse, the ij^{de} yere of Edward the vjth.” Payments “for turnyng water in the Closse and other incidental expenses and to colliers for coal getting. 205

¹ This use of ‘height’ is not recorded in the *New English Dictionary*.

² An outcrop. See *New English Dictionary*, s.v. ‘Basset’, sb. 3.

³ A wheel fixed at the head of a shaft in order to revolve (A-S. *wealwian*, to turn) it? Cf. *wallow-wheel* in *English Dialect Dict.*

1550-1.—“The synkyng booke from the Nativitie of Oure Lorde *in anno regni regis Edwardi Sexti quarto*” for one year. 205.

1553-4.—Sinking Book from Nativity, 7 Edward VI. for one year. 205.

1552-3.—Coalpit book from Nativity, 6 Edward VI. for one year. 205.

1555.—“The boke of charges in synkyng and certeyn deductions in the Holowes at Bilbrow Closes,” from 18 May, 1 and 2 Philip and Mary, to 13 December. 205.

1554.—“The synkyng booke” from the Nativity, 1 Mary, to Saturday before New Year’s Day. 205.

1558.—John Hudson’s book of receipts of coal money from 19 March, 4 and 5 Philip and Mary. 205

1571, December 6.—Letter from JOHN TYROR to FRANCIS WILLOUGHBY regarding the manufacture of iron.

“Yt maye please youre wurshyppe to understande I have spoken with the yron-men abowt Walsall, [of] whom I have knowledge, of the prices of ther tra[de] . . . as followeth :

Fyrst ther stonne is worth at the [pytte] ready gotten iijs. every lode ; from the pytte to Myddleton is . . . myles, every lode caredge wyll cost iijs. or ther abowt ; every lode of stonne wyll make a blome ; the blomer wyll have for every blome xvjd. ; the blome is made in xij. howres. Then the brander wyll have for every brand vjd. Every blome makes ij. brandes, which wyllbe wroght in iiij. howres ; viij. blomes wyll make a tunne of yron, and then ther is allowed to the burnynge of every tunne viij. lode of coles, which is valued every lode at vjs. viijd. ; and every tunne of yron is worth when it is branded vij*li*. or ther abowt. These chargis are certayne, bysydes other for common worke men, as nede shall requyre. For the takyng or purchasyng of any grownd where the stone is gotten, it is very hard to come by, for it is dayly layed for by my Lord Paget, and hath benne longe, but he cann neyther take nor purchase, as I am credibly informyd by honest men. Thus muche I dyd learne uppon Satterdaye last by very honest men, who were in hand with me very earnestly to buy wood for the same purpose, and gladly wold bestow a hundreth powndes or more yf yt maye please youre wurshippe to consyder hereof. It is thowght bye them that have travayled longe in the aforsayd trayde that youre wooddes wyllbe better sold, and more gayne to you, then yf you shuld sett uppe smythis, considerynge the great charge and trobble that doth belonge unto them. And further

the saye yf you shuld set them uppe, youre wooddes wold not serve you iiij. yere, and your woodde beyng gone, there is not any leafte in the cowntrey to be bowght, except it be Drayton lordshyppe.

From Myddleton, the vj. of December, 1571.

By youre obedyent servaunt,

John Tyror.

[*Endorsed* :]—To the ryght worshypfull and his synguler good mr., Mr. Francis Wyllughby, esquier, at Nottingham, geve these with spede.” 165

1572.—Account of coal-getting at Bilborough Hollows [co. Notts].

1572.—Account of coal-getting at Collorton.

1572-3.—“The synkinge booke of the Collpittes at Wollaton,” 15 Elizabeth.

1573.—“Notes concerninge the colemine at Wollaton, 1573,” endorsed “Speede’s note,” being a report upon the working of the mine.

1574-5.—Bundle of accounts of coal-getting at Bedworth co. Stafford, Halesowen [co. Worcester], and Wolverhampton.

[c. 1590.]—Notes in handwriting of Sir Francis Willoughby regarding the manufacture of iron.

“13 forges and furnisses in a parishe, vj^{xx} in comitate (*sic*).

Mr. Edward Littelton, of Pilleknoll, will bild a forniss if [he] had any good vent and utterance for his sowes [of iron].

To spend my owne stoane and to convert this mill to a hammer mill.

Blacke brooke. Walke Mill. Robinson or above.

vj^{xx} tonne in sowes will mak iiij^{xx} tonne in barres. lxxvjs. 8*d.* or lxxvjs. vii*d.* carriage 12*s.*: vj*l.*—to deliyyver at Walsall.

Sowe wayeth abowt xij.c.

v. loode of cooles and *d[im.]* will make a tonne of barre iron [vj*li*¹.] for the finery and the hammer [lxxvs¹.], xxs. for working.

For the five lood *xd.* and xxs. I shall receave vj*l.* or more.

150 loode of cooles will make 100 tonne of iron.

To way every blome. Note that every blome should way 400 in waight, and being burned should way 300 waight.

Every xij. strike should holde owt xj. strike or x. and *d[im.]* at the least when it is brought to the blome smithes.

¹ In the margin with ‘summa: 9. 15.’

A shever of iron to make a punche for trying of iron stone
—iiij. part of a brune¹ ijs. vijd.

x. blomes will make a tonne in barres, which is sold for
xiiij*li*.

ij. dozen and halfe of coles at viijs. will make a tonne in barre
iron xxs. and for the workemanshipp xiijs. iiij*d*. : xxxiijs. 4*d*.

So I shall gaine in every tonne xxvjs. viij*d*.

To send to John Martin of Walsall for iron stone.

To send to Mr. Skefington for v. or vj. loodes of stone,
xijd. stoane xx*d*. getting, Fra. Watt his tenant : ijs. viij*d*.
iijs. iiij*d*. : Summa vjs.

Lord Pagett has ij. furnisses and ij. hammers in Kanke
[= Cannock] Wood and one in Bramley." 165

1591. "The accompt betwene Sir Francis Willughbye and
Lawrence Loggyn towching the iron mayde in Duffeld workes
by the space of one half yere.

Item mayde in the sayd workes betwixt the xxj.	} of barr iron 50 tons.
of Februarye and the xxj. of August, beinge halfe a year as is aforesayde	

Which soule after xij*l*. the tonn aryseth to .. 600*li*.

Whearof dew to Mr. Souch by deduccion of six poundes fyvetene shillings upon everye tonn ..	337 <i>l</i> .	10	0
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For Sir Frauncis his halfe year's clear profytt ..	125 <i>l</i> .	0	0
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The workemen's wages, viz., the fyner and ham- merman for working up the said 50 tonns of barr iron, at 16s. the ton ..	040	0	0
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The founder for casting of 75 tonns of rough iron which mayde the sayd 50 ton of barr iron, and casting that by 5 tons 15c. wekeleye, he is to be answered for 13 weekes, which comyth to ..	013	0	0
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Summa ..	515	10	0
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Which 515*l*. 10s. being deducted from the sayd 600*l*., ther
remayneth overplus 084*l*. 10s.

Noate, the fornace blew 18 weekes, in which she cast 105
tons, which divided into equall partes she cast 5 tons 15c.
weeklye, soe cast in 13 weekes 75 tonn, whearof the 50 tons
of bar iron should have bene mayde.

Memorandum, it was concluded betwene Sir Frauncis and
Mr. Souch at Lammas last that betwene then and the 21 of
February aforesayd was wrought upp in barr iron 44 tons,
and after betwene Lammas and the 21 of August wear
wrought upp 6 tons, soe that by that order in the compas of
halfe a year wear mayd the sayd 50 tons in question.

Memorandum, that iron hath been mayde at the sayd workes
after the xxj. of August, Ryse his booke maketh mencion what
Loggyn's further allowance should be."

Endorsed by Sir Francis Willoughby : Loggin's account for
Mr. Zowches workes abowt Codner, 1591. 165

¹ Query meaning.

1591.—Estimate of the weekly charges for the iron-mills at Codner [Codnor, co. Derby] between Mayday and Michaelmas, amounting to 78*l.*, being 14½ dozen of stone for the two furnaces; 4*l.* 7*s.* 0*d.* weekly for getting and carriage; for coal to be brought to the furnaces 43 dozen a week; 10*l.* 15*s.* 0*d.* weekly for cutting, “colinge,” and carriage; 30 loads of coal weekly for the new forge 7*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* weekly; four loads of coal weekly for the Hartes Heye [Hartshay, parish of Ripley, co. Derby] forge 1*l.* 0*s.* 0*d.*; carriage of “sowes” [*i.e.* pigs of iron] weekly 1*l.* 0*s.* 0*d.*; charges for repairs weekly 13*s.* 4*d.*; Sir Francis Willoughby’s weekly charge for the founder, “fyners” and “hambermen” [*i.e.* refiners and hammermen], 4*l.* 4*s.* 0*d.* This provision will make 200 tuns of bar-iron yearly. 165

1590 to 1600, 1605 to 1608.—Weekly accounts of iron sales, costs of manufacture, coal sales, etc., at Okemore [Oakamoor, parishes of Alton, Cheadle and Kingsley], hired of the Countess of Shrewsbury by Sir Francis Willoughby. 165

PAPERS RELATING TO THE CULTIVATION OF WOAD,
GLASS MAKING, ETC.

There are numerous papers connected with the attempts of Sir Francis Willoughby to introduce the cultivation and dressing of woad, and consequent endeavours to found a dyeing industry, in co. Notts. The enterprises were not successful, but whether the failure was due to unavoidable causes or to the dishonesty of the agents chosen by Sir Francis, as he believed, is not obvious.

1584 to 1595.—Bundle of papers, letters, and accounts relating to the growing of woad at Wollaton, the working of the dye-house there, etc. 165

1586.—“The booke of charges for the weedinge, cuttinge, and making up of oade [*i.e.* woad], anno 1586, June the 12th, with other charges thereunto belonging.” Other accounts from 1584 to 1591. 165

1586, April.—MS. treatise by Robert Payne on the preparation of woad. The preface contains the following:

“If thy modestie (gentle reader) do not dispence with my rashnes in this my simple worke, thou wilt condempne the thinge I intreat on, whiche is the true makinge of woade

“The quantitie of fortie acres will kepe in worke one hundred and sixtie persons, the most women and children.” [Details as to their wages.]

“ Thus humblie craveinge thee
 to consider the necessitie of the cause
 amonge the poore distressed people
 and take in good parte this my
 simple worke, I bid thee
 farewell in Christe.

From Paynes
 Ende this¹
 daie of Aprell
 1586.”

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1589, 4 April, Leeds.—Letter from Randall Tenche, dyer and clothier, to Mr. Paine, servant of Sir Francis Willaby, knight, at Wollerton. Referring to their conversation on the way from Newark-on-Trent, when it was proposed that Tenche should undertake the working of Sir Francis Willoughby's woad, and the spinning, dyeing, and working of Arrese work of all sorts, which he is emboldened to do, more especially as he has found out a workman or two that will join with him or be under him, who will work any work that shall be set out unto them by a painter in colours, and to work the same either in woollen yarn, being fine and small, or in crueles or in silk, or in silver or gold, or altogether. For proof hereof, Tenche will come over and speak with Sir Francis, and Sir Francis shall draw a little carpet or cushion in what colour that shall be thought fittest for the same, and Tenche will work it before putting Sir Francis to cost or trouble. Tenche will require 50*l.* yearly, finding himself meat, drink and apparel, and ordinary wages for his “famile” for such work as they shall do for Sir Francis, and the two men who shall be “head” in working the Arrese work must have 6*s.* 8*d.* each weekly, finding themselves in meat, drink and apparel, and for others such wages as shall be thought fit by Paine. 165

[1585-6.]—[Copy of] certificate signed by William Scott, Mayor of Nottingham, John Gregorie, John Browne, William Gelstrop, Peter Clarke, Fabyan Mellers, Aldermen and Justices of the Peace of the same, and by Sir Thomas Mannors and Sir Jervis Clifton, testifying to the Lords of the Council, in accordance with their letters, that the subscribers, “not havinge used the sowinge of woade, have enquired concerning the sowing of the same throughout the County of Nottingham, and that they only find that Ralf Worthington and Robert Payne have sowed 40 acres with woade in the parish of Wollaton, which land before the breaking up thereof was only employed for sheepe and connyes. The place is far from any clothing townes, and near no market town but Nottingham, which is verrye populus and not any trade to sett the poore on worke. And moreover there ar divers townes nere therunto replenyshed with many poore people having no trade to gett theyr lyvinge, a greate parte of which to

¹ The day of the month has not been filled in.

the number of *iiii.c.* at the least have byn by the sayde R.W. and R. P. kept in worke, and the sayde Ralf and Robert doe undertake to contynnewe the sayde number of poore at worke duryng the wynter with converting of woolle into garsey yarne for divers uses." The subscribers therefore pray that the Lords of the Council will grant permission for the said Ralf and Robert to continue the same, notwithstanding Her Majesty's proclamation for the restraint of sowing of woad.

A copy of the letter of the Lords of the Council, dated February 22, 1585-6, ordering the above enquiry is also given. 165

1589.—Letters and papers concerning Sir Francis Willoughby's projects for dyeing, with the assistance of Randall Tenche, dyer and clothier, of Leeds. 165

Answer of Sir Francis Willoughby to the bill of complaint of Ralph Worthington regarding a joint bond from which Worthington had released Robert Payne without the knowledge of Sir Francis, in which the latter states that Payne had "cozened" him out of great sums of money. 165

Evidence of servants and others as to speculation and other unjust dealings by Payne. 165

Proposal [of Robert Payn] to take Thorlon [*i.e.* Thurland] House [in Nottingham], divers of the principal rooms excepted, and other lands, etc., and to give for the "oade" [*i.e.* woad] now at Wollerton [Wollaton] after Michaelmas next 35*l.* yearly of land, and an office of 20*l.* a year above all charges for nineteen years to come, so that he may redeem the same within ten years for 500*l.* All which with his part at Wollerton he would put in stock to be employed upon "molting," clothing, dyeing, and "jarnsey" [*i.e.* Jersey], by means whereof four hundred persons may be set on work continuously out of woad-time, on condition that [Sir Francis Willoughby] put in the like stock. In consideration thereof and of the "commodities" [Thurland Hall, etc.] above recited, he will yield after this year either 200*l.* yearly or half the profit at his [Sir Francis Willoughby's] option. 165

1591-2, February 29.—Copy of letter from the inhabitants of Wicomb, Bucks, concerning the evil practices and bad character of Robert Payne while resident there.

Other testimonies to like effect, papers relating to suits growing out of the project, in one of which Sir Francis Willoughby alleges that Payne had cozened him out of vast sums of money by pretending great skill in the planting of woad. 165

1617.—Bundle of papers relating to glasshouses at Wollaton, including:

"The heads of the agreement of a bargaine betweene Grymballd Pauncefote and Palemon Nicholson, concerninge

the erectinge of a glasshouse at Ausworthe¹ to be perfected att better leasure, July 23, 1617," the glasshouse and furnace to be erected near the coalpits.

"A plott [= plan] for the glasse house, July 30, 1615, Jhon Smythson."

"Glasse mesared at the Newe Haulle [at Wollaton], the xxth of November, 1587."

1617, May 3.—Certificate of Robert Fosbr[o]ke that "there rem[aineth] dew to Sir Percivall Willoughbye from Wollaton Glasshowse from bothe fornesses att this day, *computatis computandis*, the just some of 112.: 15.: 3."

1615, December 8.—Articles of agreement to be concluded between Sir Percival Willoughby and Sir Robert Mansell, knight, whereby Sir Percival demises to Sir Robert for seven years at a rent of 26*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* a great barn in Wollerton, with a dwelling house and garden adjoining in the occupation of Jacob Henzey and John Squire, glassmakers, and certain other buildings formerly used for malting. Sir Percival covenants to deliver at the barn as much coal as the assigns or workmen of Sir Robert shall have cause to use in two glassworks lately erected in the said barn.

Statement of Mr. Pauncefot of the weekly charges of the two glass furnaces (one for "broadglasse," the other for "greene glasse"), and proposal, if Sir Percival will take the works and workmen into his own hands ("which he may best by reason most of all the provisions are his owne"), to take all the glass, the broad at 15*s.* *per* case, the green at 20 *per* dozen, and to pay him 10*l.* weekly, and "cleere with him for all once every quarter." "And if this course be not acceptable, nor the weekly charge can be drawn into this proporcion, for my parte (I soe well understand my owne business) that I will not adventure any longer undertakeing."

A paper entitled "observacions for glasse," [by Robert Fosbroke], noting that a case is a horse-load, which, at the rate of 200 weight to a horse-load, is a tenth of a tun. "Wiche² asse [= ash], beanestraw asse and greene fearne asse are all good, and are about viij*d.* the strike. Peas-straw asse and gorse asse are nott so good. Dry ferne asse is nott good. Two good workmen will make 16 or 18 case of glasse weekelie. For the number of coales and quantite of asse, they must be proporcioned according to the bignes of the forness. Broad glass spendeth bothe more coales and asse, quantitie for quantitie, then drinking glasse dothe. The

¹ A Glass Houseyard at Awsworth (near the site of the railway station) appears on the old Ordnance map.

² The witch-elm or the witch-hazel.

forness for drinking glasse spendeth above 20 strikes of asse weeklie, and about 10 or 11 loades of coales.

“Particular rates of some partes of this busines meet for your worship’s understanding.

For everie rooke of coales	0	5	6
For asse of everie sorte a strike	0	4	0
For cariadg from your Lordship to Bridges ¹ a ton	0	4	0
For water cariadg to Hull a ton	0	7	6
For howsroome att Bridges for a tun and wharfage	0	0	6
For the clarke’s wages yerelie	20	0	0
For sand a strike	0	0	2

“For their complement of asse enoughe wilbe had with sufficient gaine at the former rate. The making of 800 tun of glasse yerelie will spend above 60 tun of coales weeklie.

. . . . The fornesses will cost about 20*li.* a piece, butt you are to proporcion your rent according to the grownd where they are sett, for all that grownd wilbe as wast.” There is added “A conjecturall ayming att the proffitt and charge of glasse making,” showing that a single furnace may well make 80 tuns of glass yearly, which, at 16*s.* a case, that is 8*l.* a tun, is 640*l.* The costs are rent of furniss 10*l.*; wages of five men, 100*l.*; ash, 50*l.*; coals, 125*l.*; sand, 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*; carriage to London, 80*l.*; total, 471*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* (*sic*.”

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1690, May 7.—Grant during pleasure from Peregrine, earl of Danby, by virtue of his office of steward, keeper and warden of the forest of Sherwood and the park of Fullwood, co. Nottingham, which was granted to him by the king and queen by letters patent, to Sir Thomas Willughby, of Wollaton, Baronet, of the office of chief-forester and keeper of the office and walk of Langton Arbor Office or Walk in the said forest, and of all fees, profits and commodities belonging to the said office. 24 (390)

1690, May 24.—Licence from William, earl of Kingston-upon-Hull, etc., Lord Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of co. Nottingham, Lord Lieutenant of the East Riding of co. York, and Chief Justice and Justice in Eyre of all their Majesties’ forests, chaces, parks and warrens on the north side of Trent, to Sir Thomas Willughby, of Wollaton, Bart., to hunt and hawk with his company and service and to take all manner of beasts or fowls of forest, chace or warren within the limits of the forest of Sherwood, co. Nottingham, red and fallow deer only excepted, and also to fish in the public waters and [to] fowl within the forest, and to keep and use all sorts

¹ The Trent Bridges at Nottingham.

of dogs, guns and nets for that purpose without incurring any pain, fine or forfeiture or other damage by reason of the forest laws, upon condition that he shall always acquaint the keeper of the walk where he intends to hunt, hawk or fish, provided that he use this licence with that moderation which is fitting. Further, the earl, relying very much upon the great care and prudence of Sir Thomas, for the preservation of the game within the said forest, grants to him or to any other sufficient person, whom he shall appoint under his hand and seal and for whom he will be answerable, full power and authority to seize, take and carry away all such guns, dogs, nets or other engines that any person may have or keep within the forest for the destruction of any of the game.

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1703, July 5.—(Copy of) opinion of Sir Simon Harcourt addressed to Sidney, Lord Godolphin, Lord High Treasurer, setting out that he has, in accordance with his Lordship's commands, signified to him by Mr. Lowndes on 22 June, considered the petition of Sir Thomas Willoughby, Bart., and the report of Mr. Surveyor-General, hereunto annexed, and has perused the letters patent therein mentioned bearing date the 26 September, 10 Edward I. [*sic* for III.], whereby the bailiwick of the honour of Peverell in cos. Nottingham and Derby was granted to William Eland and his heirs [*see* page 93, above], which office, on 31 May, 38 Henry VIII., was granted by Hugh Revell to Henry Willoughby, esquire, and his heirs. What the petitioner and his ancestors have enjoyed by virtue of the general words of the letters patent of Edward I. appears to Sir Simon to be no otherwise than by the report of Mr. Surveyor-General. A long and an uninterrupted enjoyment is a great evidence of a right, but he does not conceive that the petitioner can claim waifs, estrays, felons' goods, mines, quarries, heriots, etc., within the said honour by virtue of the said letters patent.

The petitioner praying a grant from Her Majesty, he is humbly of opinion that she may, if she please, grant to him and his heirs, or for such other interest as shall be thought fit, upon surrender of the letters patent of Charles II. mentioned in Mr. Surveyor-General's report, or to commence from the determination thereof, all waifs, estrays, heriots, goods of felons and fugitives and other casual profits arising within the honour, and also the office of High Steward of the honour, notwithstanding the statute made in the first year of the reign for the better support of the queen's household and of the honour and dignity of the crown. But mines of coal and iron and quarries of stone are inheritances of such a nature as cannot be granted by the crown in any other manner than according to the said Act of Parliament.

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1706, June 22.—Letters patent of Queen Anne granting to Sir Thomas Willoughby, Bart., “in consideration of his good services,” and “in regard the office hereinafter mentioned is only honorary and has been long enjoyed by his family,” and to his heirs of the office high steward of the honour of Peverell in the counties of Nottingham and Derby, and of all the manors, lordships, lands and hereditaments belonging to the said honour, together with all rights, authorities, perquisites, liberties, privileges, profits and advantages of the said office, “in free and commonscuage,” rendering therefor a peppercorn at Michaelmas yearly.

Notice of enrolment in the office of the queen’s auditors for the said counties, on 6 July, 1706. 24 (390)

EXTRACTS FROM COLLECTIONS OF CASSANDRA WILLOUGHBY,
1702.

Cassandra Willoughby, daughter of Francis Willoughby, the natural philosopher, sister of Thomas, first Lord Middleton, and the second wife of James Brydges, the first Duke of Chandos, compiled a history of the Willoughbys of Wollaton. One volume only is preserved at Wollaton. It is a small quarto volume of paper bound in calf. It is entitled "An Account of the Willoughby's of Wollaton, taken out of the Pedigree, old Letters, and old Books of Accounts, in my Brother Sir Thomas Willoughby's study, Dec., A.D. 1702, by Cass[andra] Willoughby." At pp. 506 *bis*, 507, she vouches the authority of "my father in a manuscript of his which gives an account of some antiquities of our Family." This is the book described at p. 269 above. Hardly any of the great number of the letters quoted or cited by Cassandra have been found. As they are of a private and not of legal nature, it would seem that they were not deposited in the muniment room when it was arranged (in the latter part of the eighteenth century?), and they have in consequence become scattered or have been destroyed. Several of them were already in bad condition in Cassandra's time, as she remarks. The letters of John Ray and other scholars to Francis Willoughby supplied by Cassandra (who then bore the title of Countess of Carnarvon) to William Derham for his *Philosophical Letters between the late Mr. Ray and several of his Ingenious Correspondents, Natives and Foreigners, to which are added those of Francis Willoughby, Esquire*, London, 1718, have also disappeared. There is little justification for distinguishing the Willoughbys of Willoughby-on-the-Wolds and Wollaton from the Willoughbys d'Eresby by writing the name of the former Willoughby, as indeed, she admits (p. 543 below).

The book commences with an account of the family of Willoughby of Willoughby on the Wolds, beginning with (1) William¹ "who lived in the reign of Edward the First. I don't find who he married, nor any account of him but that he dyed before *An. D.* 1314." Of his son (2) Sir Richard Willoughby, "Chief Justice," who "was a very great advancer of his family," she states that "I find no account who he married." The Chief Justice's son (3) Richard Willoughby,² Knt., married Isabel, daughter and heiress of Roger Morteyn, Knt., lord of Dunnesby [co. Lincoln]. "This Lady brought to Sir Richard Willoughby the town of Cossale [co. Notts.] and some land in Wollaton. The time of his death is not

¹ Richard de Willoughby was the son of Richard Bugge of Willoughby on the Wolds. The mistake is derived from the family pedigree at Birdsall House drawn up in 1573. William de Willoughby has been taken from the pedigree of the Willoughbys d'Eresby.

² This was really the Chief Justice, his father having been only a justice in Eyre. The pedigree in Thoroton, *Antiquities of Notts*, p. 221, differs from this.

mentioned,¹ nor do I find that he had any child besides (4) Sir Richard Willughby, his son and heir, who married Joane, the daughter of — Lord and Baron Grey of Rotherfield ; by this lady he had five sons and two daughters. Richard Willughby, the eldest son, married Matilda, the daughter of Reginald, and sister of Sir John Grey. He dyed the 29th of Edward the 3d, leaving no issue behind him. Thomas Willughby, the second son, and Roger the third son, also dyed without issue, so that the entail which Sir Richard Willughby made of Riseley [Risley, co. Derby] and other lands *An. D.* 1337 brought the inheritance to Hugh Willughby, a priest, the fourth son of Sir Richard, who not being allowed to marry, kept a mistress called Joane of Riseley ; by her he had a daughter named Felice, who married John Armstrong of Thorpe, and a son called Hugh, who married Joane, the daughter of Sir John Dabridgecourt. By this lady he had a son called Hugh Willughby of Riseley, who married Isabell, the daughter of Sir Gervase Clifton. This Hugh Willughby bore the arms of his mother viz. ermine, three bars humett, as appears by his grave stone in Wilne Church [co. Derby], where the arms of the Dabridgecourt's is impaled with the Clifton's. From this Hugh are descended the Willughbys of Riseley. His grandfather Hugh Willughby, the priest, the 4th son of Sir Richard Willughby, dyed the 14th of Sept^r. 1406. He was buried in the church at Willughby on the Wolde, where there is his effigie in stone with a hawk upon his hand. Marjorie Willughby, Sir Richard's eldest daughter, married Mallory ; Johanna, the second daughter, married Bartram Monboucher.

“The fifth and youngest son of this Sir Richard was (5) Edmund Willughby, knight, who inherited the most considerable part of his father's estate. He married Alice, the daughter of Roger Somervill. He was above sixty years old before his brother Hugh dyed. There is no account how long he lived after, nor of his leaving any child besides

“(6) Edmund Willughby, his son and heir, of whom we have no particular account, but that he married Isabella, the daughter of Sir Hugh Annesley, knight, and that by this lady he had a son that was his heir, viz.

“(7) Sir Hugh Willughby, who had two wives. The first was Isabella, the daughter of — Folejambe ; she dyed *Anno D.* 1417 and was buried at Willughby on the Wolde : by this lady Sir Hugh had a son, Richard Willughby, who married Anne, one of the four daughters and co-heirs of Simon Leek, of Cotham [co. Notts], esq. He [*i.e.* Richard] dyed without issue *Anno D.* 1471, and lyes buried with his lady in the church at Wollaton, where there is a stone monument for them. Sir Hugh Willughby's second wife was Margaret, the third daughter and only heir, says our pedigree,² of

¹ He died 14 March, 1362. See page 99 above.

² The pedigree (see p. 504, note 1) has ‘una heredum.’

Baldvin Frevill, knight. This lady brought the mannour of Middleton from the Frevills to the Willughbys, as also the mannour of Whitnash, with lands in Willmecote and the manor of Wikin near Coventry, and also other lands and rents lying in Warwickshire, as also the mannours of Gunthorpe and Loudham in Nottinghamshire, with Bradford Ferne and Mawne in Herefordshire. This I find by Dugdale's *Antiquities of Warwickshire* to have been but the third part of the Frevill's estate." [Account of descent of the other thirds.]

"My father in a manuscript of his which gives an account of some antiquities of our family writes that 'Roger Marmion (as appears by Battail Abbie Role) came into England with the Conquerour.'" [Account of his son Robert, derived from Dugdale, *Warwickshire*, p. 797, and of the Marmions of Tamworth down to Philip, "Lord Marmion," in the time of Henry III.]

"This Philip Marmion left no heir male, and upon the division of the estate amongst the co-heirs Middleton, Tamworth, etc. was allotted to Joane, the wife of Alexander Frevile. This family of the Freviles are also famous in story. Sir Baldwin Frevile, whos daughter married Sir Hugh Willughby, was the grandson of this Alexander and Joane, his wife, a man much esteemed by Edward the Black Prince [etc. as in Dugdale, *Warwickshire*, pp. 819-20].

"Sir Baldwin, his son, in the first of Richard the 2^d exhibited his claim to be the king's champion on the day of his coronation" [as in Dugdale, pp. 820-1].

[Note that the Frevilles married the heiresses of the Montforts, Rispeks (*read* Kilpeks), De la Plaunch of Bucks, Haversham, Buttetort, and De la Zouch]. "In right of this match with the Freviles the Willughbys quarter these eight coats of armes, as the pedigree of the family of the Willughbys shews."

"The maniscript above mentioned of my father's gives this account of the Montforts, *viz.* that Hugh the son of Thurstanus de Bassenberg was with the Conquerour at the Battle of Hastings." [Account of De Montforts especially of Peter, slain at the Battle of Evesham, 1254, from Dugdale, *Warwickshire*, p. 592 *sqq.*]. After the castle of Belldesert [co. Warwick] and those large revenues came to this family, they were called 'Domini et Barones de Belldesert,' just as the German barons at this day are stiled upon their coine 'Domini et Barones,' etc. These barons seem to have designed a government like that in Aragon, the very word, the great justiciar, being often used in England about this time. [Account of Peter Montfort, son of the aforesaid Peter, based upon Dugdale, p. 595].

"The pedigree of our family makes Simon Montfort, the great generall of the Barons, to be the younger brother of Peter de Montfort that was killed at Evesham. . . .
If he were not of the family of our Peter Montfort it is strange

that Gunthorp and Loudain [co. Notts], two mannours granted to Simon Montfort, earl of Leicester, and Elianor, his wife, the king's sister, by Henry the 3^d in the 43^d year of his reign, instead of 400*l.* which the king was to allow them, and afterwards forfeited to the crown, should again be granted to Peter Montfort. But whither they were of the same family or not, it is most certain that they were of the same principles, and both of them very active in the Barons Wars.¹

“This account of the Marmions and the Montforts is almost all taken out of my father's manuscript; to which I shall add the account that [Sir Richard] Baker gives of Simon Montfort in his *Chronicles of the Kings of England*. . . .”

“After this long digression I must return to Sir Hugh Willughby and Margaret, his lady, the third daughter and, as our pedigree says, the only heir of Baldwin Frevill, knight. By this lady Sir Hugh had four sons and seven daughters, of which daughters Matilda, the eldest, married Thomas Hertwell; Aleonora, the second, married Sir John Shirley, knight; Jocosa married Richard Bracebrige of Kinsbury; another daughter married Hilton; Isabella married Philip Botteler, esquire. The sixth daughter married Bosomby, and the seventh daughter married Marmion. Of Sir Hugh Willughby's sons Rodolphus and Thomas, both dyed without issue. From Baldwin, the third son of Sir Hugh Willughby, are descended the Willughbys of Grendon in Northamptonshire. Sir Hugh Willughby's second lady buried Sir Hugh, and after married Sir Richard Bingham,² knight, a judg; they both lived together at Middleton in Warwickshire, a seat which this lady brought to the Willughbys.” [Account of Bingham from Dugdale, *Warwickshire*, p. 757.] “The time of Sir Hugh Willughby's death is not mention'd, but I find that he was buried at the church at Willughby, where there remains (*sic*) seven very old monuments of the Willughby's, the prints of which may be seen in Thoroton's *Antiquities of Nottinghamshire*, but time has much defaced the figures upon those monuments and left the inscriptions of them not legible. Sir Hugh Willughby's eldest son dying without issue, as is before mentioned, his eldest son by his second wife was

“(8) Robert, the brother and heir of Richard Willughby. This Robert I find in old writings called Willughby of Wollaton, and therefore I believe he was the first of the family that lived at Wollaton. He married Margaret, the daughter of Sir John Griffith of Wichnor, in the county of Stafford, knt. By this lady he had two sons and three daughters. Jane, his eldest daughter, married Thomas Thurland, esq.; Alice, his second daughter, married Richard Curzon of

¹ Francis Willoughby, p. 61, writes: “it is most certain they were of the same mind, and both of them the greatest patriots of those times.” At the foot of the page he has written “*Sic cecidit Anglorum Brutus*” (in reference to Simon de Montfort).

² Also a descendant of Ralph Bugge.

Keydelston in Derbysire; Sanchia, his third daughter, married John Strelley of Strelley, in Nottinghamshire, esq.

“Richard, the second son of Robert Willoughby, married Anne, the daughter of the Lord Egremont. His eldest son was

“(9) Henry Willughby of Wollaton, a person who at that time made a great figure in England. He was made a banneret¹ at the battle of Stoke, about three miles of Newark in Nottinghamshire. This battle was fought upon Saturday, the 16th of June, in the 2nd year of Henry the 7th, *Anno Do.* 1487.” [Account of Lambert Simnel and of the battle.] “In the fourth of Henry the Seventh Sir Henry Willughby was a commissioner [for co. Warwick] for appointing archers to aid the duke of Britain against the French.” [Account of affairs in Britanny and of Lord Morley’s expedition into Flanders and of his death at Dixmuyden.] “Sir Henry Willughby was one of the officers of this action. Sir Henry Willughby was also a knight of the Sepulcher. He was also one of those that went into Spain with Thomas, Marquis of Dorset, in the third of Henry the Eight[h], upon the intended expedition of invading France.² This Sir Henry Willughby had four wives: the first was Margaret, the daughter of Sir Robert Markham, by her he had two sons and three daughters. Jane, the eldest daughter, married Sir Wichardi (*sic*) Harbottell, knight. Dorothy, the second daughter, married Anthony Fittzherbert³ of Derbyshire. Margaret, the third daughter, married Sir John de la Zouch of Codnor, knight.

“Edward, his second son, continues the following history.

“Sir John Willughby, the eldest son of Sir Henry, married Ann, the eldest daughter of Edward Grey, Viscount Lisle, who was younger brother to Sir John Grey that was killed, being on the king’s side, in the battle which was faught at St. Albans, *An. Do.* 1460.” [Account of Wars of the Roses, and of the meeting of Edward IV. with Elizabeth Woodville, widow of the said Sir John Grey, and of their marriage, and the rise of her family.] “Her son Sir Thomas Grey was created Marquis of Dorset. Of him I must give an account hereafter, and shall now return to the above named Edward Grey, Viscount Lisle, who had two other daughters; the second was Elizabeth, who first married Edmund Dudley. Her second husband was Arthur Plantaginet, naturall son of King Edward the Fourth. His third daughter Muriel married Henry Stafford, earl of Wiltshire. He had also one son, John, who married Muriel, the daughter of Thomas, Duke of Norfolk. This John left only one daughter, Elizabeth; she was designed to be married to Sir Charles Brandon, who therefore in the 5th of Henry the 8th had the title of Viscount Lisle granted to him and his heirs by that lady (see Dugdale).

¹ See Gairdner, *Paston Letters*, 1904, vi. pp. 102, 187, Leland, *Collectanea*, ed. 2, iv. pp. 214-15.

² See page 128, above.

³ The well-known legal author.

But the lady not consenting when she came of age, that patent was cancelled, and she after married Henry Courtney, earl of Devonshire, and dyed without issue." [Account of Brandon's four marriages.]

"I have been thus particular in my account of the Greys here because the grandson of Sir Henry Willughby married the daughter of that Thomas Grey, Marquis of Dorset, as must be shewed hereafter.

"There are in my brother's library at Wollaton amongst the old papers a great many acquittances for legacies and annuities left by this Sir John Willughby, the eldest son of Sir Henry (who died without issue), and amongst other old letters there are three from King Henry the Eighth. The exact copies of those letters are on the other side.

[1534-6 ?] April 7.—HENRY VIII. to SIR JOHN WILLOUGHBY.

" ' Henry R. [*in facsimile*].

" ' Trusty and welbeloved, we grete you well. And forasmuch as we be enformed that the most pestilent idolatrous enemy of all truth, and usurpation of priests, the Bisshopp of Rome, perceyving his most detestable doings to begin now to appear to all our good subjects, is fully minded in his rage to seek all the ways to him possible to ruin and spoile this our realme as heretofore he hath been accustomed, and to invert the good religion of the same with the torment and disherision of all our said subjects: we late you wit that—entendinge to put the same our realm both by sea and land in suche a-rediness as shall be necessary to withstand his malicious purposes, which by all meanes he laboureth to cloke and colour, pretending only in words the advancement of true religion withoute any the disturbanse of our people, to the intent he maye blinde their simple and honest eies and so the more easily compasse his moost cruell and devyllishe enterprise—we have, amongs other our lovinge subjects, appointed you to furnish unto us, to do us service upon the sea, the number of twenty hable persons. And therefore we will and desire that, immediatly upon the sight hereof, ye will furnish unto us the said number, whereof as many of them to be archers and gonners as ye can make, well able to do us service as before. And the same to be in a-rediness with habiliments meete for them upon an hour's warninge, whensoever our right trusty and right welbiloved cousin and counsailour, th' Erle of Somerset, our Admirall of England, shall by his letters give you admonis[i]on or call for the same. And in the meane tyme with all diligence to make unto him your certificate of the same your nombre, whereby ye shall deserve our hartly thanks.

Yeven under our signet at our manour of Grenewich, the vijth day of Apriell.

To our trusty and welbiloved
Sir John Willoughby, knyght.' "

1542, April 20.—HENRY VIII. to SIR JOHN WILLOUGHBY.

“ ‘ Henry R. [*in facsimile*].

“ ‘ Trustie and welbeloved, we grete you well, lating you witt¹ that, having a speceal truste and confidence in your fidelitie, zeale, and obedience towarde us, wee have appointed our right trusty and right welbeloved cousin and counsailour, th’ Erle of Rutland, on our behaulf, to open and declare certaine things to you touching us and the wealthe² and suretie of this our realme; requyryng you not onelie to give unto him perfite credence as to our self, but also to waye and conside the same in suche sorte as youre conformytie may declare youre love and obedience towarde us and answere to the good opinion which we have conceyved of you accordynglie.

Yeven under our signet at our manour of Grenewich, the 20th of Apreale, the 33th year of our reigne.

To our trusty and welbeloved servant,
Sir John Wylloughby, knyght.’ ”

“ With this letter there is another of instructions to Sir John Willoughby and others about collecting a subsidie, desiringe them to gather it before it was due, having great need for the garisons of Bollen, Callis and Guisness.

1542, August 25.—HENRY VIII. to Sir JOHN WILLOUGHBY.

“ ‘ Henry R. [*in facsimile*].

“ ‘ Trusty and welbeloved, we grete you well, lating you wit that, sending at this time our right trustie and right entirely welbeloved cousyn and counsailour, the Duke of Norfolk, as our Lieutennant to our bordures for amempst Scotland for the defense and suertie of the same, [we] have appointed you, among others, for his better furniture, ymmediatly upon the sight hereof to put all such hable men as ye can make and furnishe for the warre of your own servants, tennants, and others, within any your rowmes and offices, in such order and a-rediness as, all delayes set aparte, they may advance towards our said cousyn within oon hower, whensoever he shall commande the same. And to instruct you howe you shall furnish the said number of men which you shall thus prepare and send unto our said cousyn for the purpose aforesaide by vertue of this our commandement, first, our pleasure ys that you shal make as many horsemen as ye be hable in any wise to furnish, with such horses as maye serve in the felde, if nede so required, every horsman to have his spere or javelyn; and the rest of your numbre you shal order after this sorte folowing, the fourth part thereof ye shal prepare of good archers, every

¹ *will*, MS.

² For “ welfare ” ?

one furnished with a good bowe and a good full sheef of arowes, the residewe to be bilmen, providing that every bilman, besydes his sworde and dagger, bring a good bil on his neck with him. Desiring and nevertheless commanding you to take paines to see us diligently and substantially served herein at this presente, as we trust you, and as ye tender our honour and [the] defense of our realme and subjects. And these our letters shalbe your sufficient warrant and discharge in that behalf.

Yeven under our signet at our honour of Hampton Court, the 25th of August, the 34th year of our reigne.

To our trusty and welbelovéd servant,
Sir John Willoughby, knight.’”

“Sir Henry Willughby’s second wife was Elizabeth, the daughter of Sir Thomas Abon (or Burgh), knight, the relict of the Lord Fitz-hugh. By this lady he had no child. His third wife was Helena, the daughter and heiress of John Egerton, esq. By this lady Sir Henry had one son and one daughter. His son was Sir Hugh Willughby, knight, that famous navigator, who was frozen to death *Anno Do.* 1553 upon the North Seas. This Sir Hugh married Jane, the daughter of Sir Nicholas Streeley, knight; by her he had one son called Henry. Sir Henry Willughby’s daughter that was sister to Sir Hugh was Alice, who married Dreycot of Peysley in Staffordshire.

“Sir Henry Willoughby’s fourth wife was A—, the daughter of Walleys or Walters. By this lady Sir Henry had no children.

“There is a book¹ which gives an account of cattle bought and sold in the 8th year of Henry the 8th, and what was killed for the use of the house from the 21th of September, to the 2nd of November that year, viz.

Of Oxen and other beefs	29.
Calves	19.
Sheep	53.
Lambs	9.
Porkets	1.

“By the book of Houshold accounts for the year *An. D.* 1513, I find that

gees were then sold for	4 <i>d.</i>	a piece.
woodcocks for	1 <i>d.</i>	”
chickens for	1 <i>d.</i>	”
lambs for	1 <i>d.</i>	”
sheep for	1 <i>s.</i> 8 <i>d.</i>	”
a cow and a calf for	18 <i>s.</i> 0 <i>d.</i>	”
“Malmyse was then sold for	1 <i>s.</i> 4 <i>d.</i>	a gallon.
sack for	1 <i>s.</i> 0 <i>d.</i>	”
claret for	0 <i>s.</i> 8 <i>d.</i>	”
oyle for	2 <i>s.</i> 0 <i>d.</i>	”

¹ See page 329 above.

“There are in the library at Wollaton a great many letters which were writ to this Sir Henry Willughby the Bancret; amongst the most remarkable there was one from King Henry the Eighth, all writ with his own hand, but so mislaid that I could not find it to copy.

“There is another letter from the king to Sir Henry Willughby, etc., copied on the other side.

[1513?], March 11.—HENRY VIII. to SIR HENRY WILLOUGHBY SIR WILLIAM MERING, and SIR WILLIAM PERPOINT.

“‘Henry R. [*in facsimile*].

“‘Trusty and welbeloved, we grete you well. And wheras we—singulerly tendering a sure defence of this our realme agenste the malignitie of ye Scottes and to repress them, which, contrary to their othes and promise, have commensed the warres agenste us in this our realme, as also specially mynding to be in such arredines as we may aide and assist our faithfull friends, confederates, and allies with our power, according to such treatyes of convencions as is passed and concluded betwixt us and theyme—have now of late in truste not only addressed our commission with instructions to you and other of that our shire of Notyngham, as well for the viewing, mostering, and putting our subjects in arredyness with harneys¹ and other habyliments for the warres, according to the purport of our said commission and instructions, but also to make due certificate unto us in writeing upon all and singuler the poynts and articles conteigned in our said instructions, you, groundely regarding and providently considering the great costs and charge that we in likelyhode shall be enforced to sustayn and bear for maintenance and continuance of our armyes both by land and sea, and, over that, by th’advise of our Counsel, dyvising the ways and means how the said charge might be more easely borne and supported by the aide of our faithfull and benevolent subjects, have thought right expedient to have knowledge as well of the extents and yearly revenues of such lands as be within the precincts of that shire, and to whome the lands peticulerly apperteyne, as also in value the estimation of the goods and substances of all and singuler our subgiets, as well spirituall as temporall, resiant and inhabiting the same; and for that cause, remembring you to be our true and faithfull servants, [have] thought right expedient to authorise you for that purpose, willing and comanding you not only to give ferme credence to our trusty and welbeloved servants Sir Henry Willughby, Sir William Meryng, and Sir William Perpoint, knights, whom we have right ample instructed of our minde and pleasure to you by theyme to be declared, but also t’order yourself after such forme and manner for the more assured knowlege of the premiss[es] as they shall instruct you. Faile

¹ *harmey*s, MS.

ye not thus to doo as we singlerly trust you, and as ye tender th'advancement of our honour and suertie, to be remembred hereafter according to your laudable acquitall and good deserts.

Yeven under our signett at our manour of Grenewiche, ye 11th day of Marche.

To our trusty and welbiloved
Sir Henry Willoughby,
Sir William Mering and
Sir William Perpoint, knights.' ”

“ The copy of a letter by the Queen.

[1510–1528], March 22.—Letter under the signet of QUEEN [CATHERINE] to SIR HENRY WILLOUGHBY regarding a feoffment made in his presence in the reign of Edward IV.

“ Trusty and right welbiloved, we grete you wele. And where as we do see and perceive how that ye, like a faithfull trew knight, to your great honnour and praise, do alwayes persever and continue in your opinion for the justifieing and maynteyning of the feeffament and covenant made in the dayes of that noble Prince, King Edward the Fourth (whome God pardonne!) between the Lord Hastings, then his Chamberlain, and Sir John Greysley, knight, touching certain possessions expressed, [as] in a dede of feeffament thereof made and ready to be shewed it appeareth more at large, for the which your trewe knightly acquitall in this behalf according to your othe and order we gretely commende you, and for ye same give you oure good thanks. And albeit that ye now of late, by your bill subscribed with your hand and sealed with your seel, have shewed briefly how ye were present at Asheby Delasouch at the declaring of the said feeffament and covenents, yet we be enformed by our secrete counsaill that the same declaration will not be accepted before a judge having autoritie t'examin the same for lak of your owne presence : wherefore¹ we desire and in our [most] herty wise pray you, the rather for our² sake and for the true³ declaration herof as ye do knowe, to take the payne and labour, which we be lothe to desire [you] to do considering your great age, to be here in ye beginnyng of this next terme for ye fynal declaration of this matier according to trowth, wherby that the partie adversary by their counsaill have no cause of further delay for lak of your said comyng, and in your that doing we assure you in our opinion ye shal not oonly doo a right charitable and meritorious dede to the high pleasure of God, to your rewarde, but also minster unto us full singler pleasure to your further thanks at your said comyng.

¹ *wherof*, MS.

² *one*, MS.

³ *there*, MS.

Yeven under our signet at my Lord's manour of Grenewiche, the 22th day of March.

To our right trusty and right welbiloved
Ser Henry Willoughby, knight.'”

“By the time of Sir Henry Willughby's death this letter must have been from Henry the Eighth's first Queen.

“There is a letter from the Marquis of Dorset, directed to his loving cousin Sir Henry Willughby. In this letter the Marquis tells Sir Henry that he has the king's letter with his commission for the redress of the business done in Coventry¹. He writes that he understands also that Sir Henry has likewise letters for his assistance in the same, and therefore he prays Sir Henry that they may meet on Friday, and that he will bring with him twenty or thirty of his household men with their bowes. He writes that he shall have with him thirty or fifty, which, he thinks, will be sufficient for this time.

“He writes from Bradgate, and styles himself Sir Henry's assured friend.

“There is another letter from Thomas Grey, Marquis of Dorset, to desire Sir Henry Willughby's assistance towards carrying five hundred load of wood out of Sheldon² woods to Oxford, which he had given the Cardinall towards the building of Christ's College. He desires to know how many carts he will furnish him with from such towns as he has joining to the lordship of Sheldon by such a day, and assures Sir Henry that such a pleasure he shall remember during his life, besides the thanks he shall have from the Lord Cardinall's Grace.

“Dated from Bradgate.

“There is another letter from Thomas Grey, Marquis of Dorset, directed to his loving cousin Sir Henry Willoughby about a match between his daughter and Sir Henry Willughby's grandson, Henry Willughby. The Marquis writes that his money shall be ready without fail, etc.

“There is a letter from John, Earl of Lincoln,³ in behalf of a tenant of his in Sutton,⁴ where Sir Henry Willughby was high steward.

“There is a letter from John, Lord Audly, to borrow money of Sir Henry Willughby.

“There is a letter from Edward, Lord Dudly, to desire Sir Henry Willughby to be with him at his weding with the Lord Powisses daughter.

¹ In 1525, see page, 141 above.

² Co. Warwick.

³ John De La Pole, killed at the battle of Stoke, 15 June, 1487.

⁴ Sutton Coldfield, co. Warwick.

“There is another letter from Edward, Lord Dudley, to persuade Sir Henry Willughby to put his difference with Egerton to a reference to himself and the judges at the assizes.

“There is a letter from Richard Dane to excuse his son from being against Sir Henry Willughby in a jury about Egerton’s difference.

“There is a letter from John Audeley to give his cousin Sir Henry Willughby liberty to straine¹ in any of his grounds in Staffordshire, in right of John Egerton, deceased, whose heir general Sir Henry Willughby’s Lady was.

“There is a letter from Wat. Blunt to let Sir Henry Willughby know that Ward would not come to be a witness against Egerton unless he had forty shillings.

“There is a letter from Judith Marmion to Sir Henry Willughby about her goods being driven by a privie seal, by William Marmion.

“There is a letter from Zouch about Kingsbury tithes.

“There is a letter from William Compton to Sir Henry Willughby to desire he will change some land with Trussell.

“There is a letter from Henry Sacheverell, directed to his right worshipful cousin, Sir Henry Willughby, about writings of Sir John Digby’s and the settlements of Denby.

“There is a letter from T. Roos to Sir Henry Willughby, who was steward of Lenton Abbey with Lovel,² after Lovel’s death T. Roos desires it.

“There is a letter from Arthur Lile, about a jury to enquire after wastes, etc. This letter is directed to Sir Henry Willughby, knight, High Sheriff of Leicestershire.

“There is a letter from Sir Edward Willughby to Sir Henry about sheriff’s business, and to get the prior of Maxstock to give Sir Henry his oath.

“There is a letter from the Governor and Major of Coventry about allowance for prisoners.

“There is a letter from William Compton to Sir Henry Willughby, in which he says that he knew not what right Hanke had to sell his son Sir Edward Willoughby the office of Henley, for, at his humble suit, the king had granted that office by patent to Sir John Dingley.

¹ That is, distrain.

² Sir Thomas Lovel, K.G., died 25 May, 1524.

“There is a letter from Elenor Brereton to Sir Henry Willughby. She styles herself his mother, and writes that she recomends her to him, being right glad to hear of his health. She thanks him for all his kindness showed to her at all times, and desires he will get the prior of Lenton to present a chaplain and servant of hers to the vicarage of Middlewick.

“There is a letter from Robert Nevell about a cup worth twenty pounds, which Sir Thomas Burgh left as a legacy to Sir Henry Willughby’s second Lady, who was the Lord Fitz-Hugh’s widow. I believe this Sir Thomas Burgh was that Lady’s father.

“There is a letter from Richard Too to Sir Henry Willughby about news, dated A.D. 1525.

“There are several letters of news from Sir Thomas Palmer to Sir Henry Willughby, when Sir Thomas More was Chancellor.

“There is a letter from Digby to Sir Henry Willughby to assure him that T. Digby had not stolen the plate from Middleton, but a priest in York prison would confess who had stole the plate.

“There is a letter from Allat, a priest and prisoner, to Sir Henry Willughby, in which letter he declares that Thomas Digby had no hand in the robbery at Middleton.

“There is a letter from the abbot of Bordesley to Sir Henry Willughby to invite Sir Henry and his Lady or Sir Henry alone to his monastery.

“There is a letter from Thomas Catesby to Sir Henry Willughby to let him know that he had given a priest a noble to pray daily for Sir Henry and his Lady and son by name, and also for his own brother, and wife, and children, and friends. To which agreement the vicar was a witness, and he was to see their names set upon a table.

“This Sir Henry Willughby dyed the 20th of May, *Anno Do.* 1528, and lyes buried at Wollaton in an arch between the south ile and the chancell, where there is a tomb for him with his effigie and his four wives, two lying on each side of him.

“Amongst the old papers in the library at Wollaton there is a letter from which the name is rotted off. ’Tis dated from his house of Boton Malherbe,¹ June 1550. This letter is full of advice to his sister Willoughby not to marry young Knyvett. He desires her to consider that her age is such

¹ The writer was obviously Sir Edward Wotton, who married Dorothy, daughter of Sir Robert Read, and sister of Bridget, wife of Sir Thomas Willoughby of Chiddingstone, (*Hasted’s Kent* ii. 246),

that she can not expect more children, and [to] think how subject she is to sickness. He prays her to judg if such a young man can desire her to marry him for any other reason but what he can get by her. At present her circumstances are such that she can make her friends welcome to her house, of which she is both master and mrs. But should she marry, these friends must be neglected to make room for her young husband's young acquaintance. And whatever he may say before marriage, she must expect that after it will be hard for her to keep the inheritance of her estate from her young husband for her children. 'But to avoid being tedious, take this for a certain truth that if you doe marry that young man, you will not only utterly undoe yourself and children, but also lose the hearts and good will of your assured friends,' of whom he professed himself one, and writ that during her widowhood he should be glad to do her any pleasure, or if she would marry such a one as her friends might hope to see herself and her children find comfort from.

"Upon the outside of this letter there is writ with my father's hand that the lady was the relict of Sir Thomas Willoughby; who, I think, must have been that Sir Thomas Willoughby of Eresby, who was the son of Christopher; Lord Willoughby of Eresby, if so, this letter should have been copyed page the 17th of the next book, which gives an account of the Eresby family of the Willoughbys, from whom Sir Percivall Willoughby was descended.

"(10) Sir Edward Willughby, the second son of Sir Henry and heir to his brother, Sir John Willughby that dyed without issue, married Anne, the daughter and only heir of Sir William Filioll of Woodland, knight. By this lady Sir Edward had a son and two daughters. Jane, the eldest daughter, married Richard Topeliff, esq., of Somerby. Dorothy, the other daughter, married Robert Willoughby of Boreplace in Kent. This Robert was the son of Thomas, who was the son of Christopher, Lord Willoughby of Eresby in Lincolnshire.

"There are no books of accounts, letters, or other papers remaining by which I could gather any particular account of this Sir Edward Willughby, nor is the time of his death mentioned, nor could I find any letters directed to him worth noting down except one from King Henry the Eighth's Queen Jane, the copy of which letter is on the other side of this leaf.

[1537], October 12.—QUEEN [JANE SEYMOUR] to SIR EDWARD WILLOUGHBY, announcing the birth of her son [afterwards King Edward VI.].

"By the Queen.

"'Trusty and welbeloved, we grete you well. And forasmuch as, by th'nestimable goodness and grace of Almighty God, we bee delivered and brought to bed of a prince,

conceyved in most lawfull matrimony by my Lord the King's Majestie and us, dowbting not but that, for the love and affection which ye beare to us and to the comynweale of this realme, the knowledge thereof shuld be joyous and glad tydings unto you, we have thought good to certifie ye of the same, to th'intent ye might not only render unto God condigne thanks and praise for so great a benefite, but also contynually pray for the long contynuance and preservation of the same, here in this life to th'onour of God, joy and pleasur of my Lord the King and us, and the universall weall, quiet, and tranquility of this hole realme.

Yeven under our signet, at my Lord's manour of Hampton Court, the 12th day of October.

To our trusty and welbiloved
Sir Edward Willoughby, knight.' ”

“ (11) Sir (*sic*) Henry Willoughby, the only son and heir of Sir Edward Willoughby of Wollaton, married Anne, the youngest daughter of Thomas Grey, Marquis of Dorset, by Margaret, his wife, who was the daughter of Sir Robert Wotton of Bocton [Boughton] in Kent and the widow of William Medley.” [Account of Thomas, Marquis of Dorset, and of the marriages of his daughters by the aforesaid Margaret, to wit Elizabeth, the eldest, to Thomas, lord Audley of Waldon, Katherine, the second, to Henry Fitz-Alan, earl of Arundel]. “ His eldest son was Henry, Lord Grey, who succeeded him as Marquis of Dorset. He married Katherine, the daughter of William Fitz-Alan, earl of Arundel, but had no issue by her. His second lady was Frances, the eldest daughter of Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk, by his third wife, who was Mary, the daughter of King Henry the 7th and widow of Lewis the 12th, King of France. This Henry, Marquis of Dorset, was constituted Lord High Constable of England during the solemnity of Edward the 6th's coronation, and in the 5th year of King Edward the 6th, being *An. D.* 1551, he was, upon the 11th of October, created duke of Suffolk. By the Lady Frances this duke had three daughters. Jane, the eldest, married Guilford Dudley, who was the 4th son of the Duke of Northumberland. This Lady was proclaimed Queen of England July the 7th, 1553, and beheaded with her husband the 12th of February following. The duke of Suffolk's second daughter was Catherine, who married Henry, Lord Herbert, son of William, earl of Pembroke, and being divorced from him, she after married Edward Seymour, earl of Hartford. His third and youngest daughter Mary, being deformed, married Martin Keys, Serjeant Porter to Queen Elizabeth. This duke of Suffolk was beheaded on Tower Hill, February the 23th, 1553[-4]. And thus with this great duke (whose grandmother was Queen of England, his uncle King of England, his daughter proclaimed Queen, and his wives mother a daughter of England and Queen of France) ended the titles of honour in his family ” [until the creation in 1 James I. of his nephew, Sir Henry

Grey, of Pirgo in Essex, as Baron Grey of Groby, co. Leicester, whose grandson was created earl of Stamford by Charles I.]. "The Lady Francis (*sic*), widow to the duke of Suffolk, had one sister Eleonore, who married Henry, earl of Cumberland.

"This was the fourth time that the Willughbys had matched with this family of the Greys, which had made a very great intimacy between the two families, as appears by many of the old papers. In the books of accounts there is often mention made of Sir Henry Willughby's being at Bradgate for severall days together, and in the account book of bills of fair for Wollaton family [*i.e.* household] (which shews what company daily came to Wollaton) I often find some of the family from Bradgate set down." [Quotations from household account for 1547-8, pp. 393-396 above.] "This Sir Henry Willughby was one of those gentlemen that went to appease the rebels in Norfolk, who had got together under Robert Ket, a tanner, upon a grievance on account of inclosures, and was killed at Norwich, August the 27th, 1548. He and his lady both lye buried in the church at Wollaton, where there is a monument for them. They left two sons and one daughter, all very young: Thomas, the eldest son about eight years and a quarter old, and Francis, the youngest son, about two years old; but the age of Margaret Willughby, the daughter, is not mentioned. It appears by some of the old papers that Sir Henry Willughby left these three children to the marquis of Dorset's care, and that the three executors of his will were George Medley and Gabriell Barwyke, esquires, and John Hall, gent.¹

"There is a letter from George Medeleye, dated from London in February 1549[-50], in which he writes that the Marquis of Dorset, being now daily to attend the king, he intended to remove his family from Bradgate to London, and therefore ordered that twelve horses should be sent for from Wollaton and a cart and horses from Middleton to come up to London with Mrs. Margaret and little Mr. Francis Willughby, attended thus: a servant to carry Master Francis before him, another servant to carry Mrs. Margaret, and another servant to carry little Whytneye, a horse for Mrs. Lenton, another horse for the maid, and four for the four men to wait upon them, a man to lead a horse to carry the male [= mail, travelling bag], and two more servants to take care of the horses.

"It does not appear where these children were after this journey till by a book of Medeley's accounts for the children's cloaths, etc., from the 4th of Edward the 6th to the 1st of Elizabeth, I find that his nephew Francis Willughby and his neece Margaret removed to Tyltey, April the 21th, 1550.² Mr. Medeley in his letters always calls these children nephews

¹ See page 396, above.

² See page 399, above.

and neece, which makes me conclude that he was the son of Margaret, marchioness of Dorset, by William Medeley her first husband, and so half brother to Lady Anne Willughby.¹ I don't find where Mr. Thomas Willughby was when his brother and sister removed to Tyltey, but in Mr. Medeley's account book there is set down 20 sh. for Mr. Thomas Willughby's board with him from May the 27th to June the 11th that year, and 10s. for Mr. Thomas Willughby's man's board the same time.² And again the same sune is set downe for his and his man's board with Mr. Medeley from November (*sic*) the 3d to the 18th,² which day I find by the book of household expences for the family at Tyltey Mr. Thomas Willughby went to Cambridg. I don't find who was the housekeeper at Tyltey, but believe it might be Lady Anne Willughby's mother, who might also be Mr. Medeley's mother.

"There is a book in my brother's library at Wollaton which gives a very particular account of the expenses of the family at Tyltey³ from the 31th of October to the last of February in this 4th year of Edward the Sixth, which book shows that there was a very great table kept at Tyltey. This book also gives an account what company came to Tyltey, viz., that upon the 31th of October there came my Lady's grace⁴ and all her train, but the next day most of her grace's retinue returned home again to Leicestershire. November the 3d there came the Lord Thomas and the Lord John with twenty-one servants from London, who stayed at Tyltey three days and then returned to London again. That upon November the 16th many honest men of the country dined there. That upon the 18th the Lord John and others came from Court, which was the same day that Mr. Thomas Willoughby, Mr. Henry, and Mr. Thomas Medley, Mr. Willoughby's man, and three more servants went to Cambridg. The Lords and others from Court returned thither again upon the 22th of November. Upon the 23th divers of the country dined at Tyltey. Upon the 24th ten gentlemen came from London to attend my Lady's grace to the Lady Mary's grace⁵; they stayed at Tyltey till the 26th, and then after breakfast my Lady's grace, with Lady Jane, Lady Catherine and Lady Mary, repaired to Lady Mary's grace. 'Tis thus entered in this book of Tyltey accounts, by which I understand that the Duches of Suffolk with her three daughters went to Court to wait upon the king's sister, who was, after the king's death, Queen Mary.

¹ Cf. *Chronicle of Queen Jane*, Camden Society, 1850, p. 66, where Medley is described as 'brother in lawe' [*i.e.* half-brother] of Suffolk, Lady Anne's brother.

² See page 402, above.

³ Tilty, co. Essex. This book has not been found. The fourth year of Edward VI extended from 28 January, 1550, to 27 January, 1551. If, as is most probable, February and not October fell in the fourth year, the account would run from 31 October, 1549, to 28 February, 1550.

⁴ The Marchioness of Dorset.

⁵ Subsequently Queen Mary. She was the god-daughter of the Marchioness of Dorset.

This book says that December the 2nd Lady Catherine and Lady Mary with their attendance and a great many gentlemen came to sup at Tyltey, and that December the 16th there came my Lord and Lady's grace, Lord John, Lady Jane and divers attending them from London to Tyltey, where they stayed six or seven days. December the 25th this book says that divers of the country dined at Tyltey, and also upon the 26th and the 27th, and that that day there came five players and a boy, and from that time till January the 9th are set down great numbers that dined and supped at Tyltey and that the Lord of Oxford's players were there. And that from January the 11th to the 20th there was my Lord, Lord John, Mr. Treasurer and a great deal of other company, and that that day after dinner, my Lord and Lady's grace, the Lady Jane, Lady Catherine, Lady Mary, Lady Clare, Lord John and all the gentlemen went from Tyltey to the Lady Audley's at Walden. This book says they all returned again to Tyltey the 22th and that they brought the Lord and Lady Audley to Tyltey with them. And that January the 25th there came Mr. George Willughby and many more strangers. Upon the 26th Lady Audley went to Walden, and Lady Catherine went with her, but they both returned again to Tyltey January the 30th, where Lord Audley and the rest of the company had stayed all that time. January the 31th there came a gentleman to dinner from the Lady Mary's grace.

"I believe about this time [1553-4] Mr. Medley and the whol familie at Tyltey were involved in great troubles upon the duke of Suffolk's account,¹ who was beheaded upon the 23th of February [1554] following. Mr. Francis and Mrs. Margaret were removed to the Minories with their servants; I believe a house where Mr. Medeley used to live.² While they were there I believe Mrs. Lenton took care for their diet, fewel, etc., which reckoned by odd weeks from December the 14th to July the 5th, came to 34*l.* 0*sh.* 2*d.*³

"There is a letter from Mrs. Lenton to John Hall, the baily at Middleton, for money; in which letter she says she knows not where to place Master Francis and Mrs. Margaret Willoughby now that Mr. Medley's house was like to be seised, etc.

"Mr. Medeley charges in his account for the diet, etc. of Mr. Francis and Mrs. Margaret Willughby and the same number of servants that they used to have by odd weeks (they being, I believe, sometimes in one place and sometimes in another) from July the 5th to January the 17th, being the second year of Queen Mary, the sume of 23*l.* 19*sh.* 0*d.* In this time 'tis often mentioned that Mrs. Margaret was absent with her maid a week at a time. I believe she might then

¹ Medley 'came into' the Tower on 26 February (*Chronicle of Queen Mary*, Camden Soc. 1850, p. 66). His lodgings in the Minories were searched by Bishop Gardiner a month earlier (*Ibid* p. 184).

² Cf. *Calendar of State Papers, Domestic*, 1547-80, p.195.

³ Cf. p. 415, above.

be with the Lady Frances, the duke of Suffolk's widow, because there is a letter from Mr. Medeley writ in this year, being *An. D.* 1554, in which letter he writes that Mrs. Margaret Willughby was then with Lady Frances, I believe Mrs. Margaret Willughby might stay with Lady Frances from May the 9th to July the 11th.

“There is a letter from Mr. Medeley to John Hall (who was the bailiff at Middleton), dated A.D. 1553. This letter is to desire John Hall to send up to the Minories by two trusty servants all the apparel of gownes and kyrtels, and all other things appertaining to Mrs. Margaret Willughby, which remained in his keeping at Middleton, because he intended, with my Lord Suffolk's help, to get her into some honourable place, where my Lord's grace should think most fit for her to be. In this letter he desires woollen blankets may be put between the gowns and kirtles to defend them from fretting and wet.

“There is another letter from Mr. Medeley to John Hall, dated A.D. 1554, in which he writes that now was the time to prefer Mrs. Margaret Willughby and to put Mr. Francis Willughby to school.

“In another letter, dated A.D. 1554, he writes that Mrs. Margaret Willughby was now with the Lady Frances, who was commanded to attend the Queen, and she had took Mrs. Margaret Willughby with her, who had been very much commended, and was so well approved for good behaviour, etc., that Lady Frances did not doubt but soon to place her about the Queen so as all her friends would be pleased.

“There is another letter from Mr. Medeley, writ soon after the last, to John Hall, in which he says that Mrs. Margaret Willughby had been at Court with the Lady Frances's Grace (who had her place in the privie chamber). He writes that Mrs. M. Willughby was much commended, and Lady Frances's Grace did not doubt but in a short time so to place her about the Queen's Highness, so as to content all her friends, and also be to her great preferment.

“*An. Do.* 1555 Mr. Medeley requires the Lord Paget's letter for the payment of a hunderd pounds to Mrs. Margaret Willughby. And in Mr. Medeley's account book for the 1st year of Queen Elizabeth, being *An. D.* 1558, there is set down November the 6th ‘Paid Mrs. Margaret Willughby for her marriage money, three hundred pounds.’ By which, I believe it was about this time that she married Sir Matthew Arundell.

“There is in the library at Wollaton a large book of the accounts of George Medeley and Gabriell Barwyke, esquires, and John Hall, gent., the three executors of Sir Henry Willughby, for the 13 years they took care of the estate.¹

¹ See page 416, above.

This book shews that besides the profits of the land there were large sumes of money received for cole, etc., which was brought to account, and yet in conclusion the whole sum raised by them in these 13 years did not amount to more then 3125*li.* 0*s.* 8*d.* In this book there is an account of goods which were valued which Sir Henry Willughby had left at Middleton and Wollaton; amongst which there are set down many vestments, as copes, etc. for the chapel, and many extraordinary armes in the armory.¹ There are set down by name in this book 42 geldings. And the plate is in this book valued at 447*li.* 10*sh.* 0*d.*

“There is a book of Mr. Medeley’s accounts for the 1st year of Queen Mary, being *An. D.* 1553 . . . there is set down 6*s.* 8*d.* paid to the clerk of the Signet for the writing, seal and lycence for his cousin Thomas Willughby to goe beyond sea to the University of Paris to study.² But I question whether Mr. Thomas Willughby did goe to Paris, because in a letter from Mrs. Lenton to John Hall, dated from the Minories, February 1554,³ she expresses great concern that she knows not where to place Mr. Francis and Mrs. Margaret Willughby, now that Mr. Medeley’s house was like to be seised and they turned out of doors, but she writ that the Lord Paget would have Mr. Thomas Willughby to be with him. In this letter she desired John Hall would send her some money, and writ that Mrs. Medeley was constrained to borrow money.

“There is a letter from Mr. Thomas Willughby to John Hall for money, not that the Lord Paget denies him anything (he writ), but he would have some money to spend which he would not always acquaint Lord Paget with.

“In another letter from Mr. Thomas Willoughby to John Hall for money, he also desired him to send him his mother’s cross-bow.

“This Mr. Thomas Willughby married the Lord Paget’s daughter, but there is no account when they were married. From some of the old papers there is reason to believe that the Lord Paget suspected Mr. Medeley’s honesty, and that therefore after Mr. Thomas Willughby had married his daughter, he was willing to take some care of the Willughbys’ estate. Mr. Medeley has set down in one of his account books 6*s.* 8*d.* for his counsel when the Lord Paget required the executers to bring in their accounts. *An. D.* 1555 Mr. Medeley sets down his expenses in going to London to attend the Lord Padget and carrying him a letter concerning the declaration of the executor’s accounts made before him at Middleton and Wollaton.” [Extracts from the account] “In all this book of

¹ Cf. the inventories at p. 474, above.

² See page 398, above.

³ Apparently 1553-4. Cf. p. 521, note 1, above.

accounts Mr. Medeley seems to reckon very largely for his own expences, and in conclusion he sets down for the horses, bridles and saddles which he had spoyled about the business of his brother Sir Henry Willughby's will the sume of 83*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*
 I could find no further account of Mr. Thomas Willughby but that over-heating himself with hunting he fell sick and dyed upon the 16th of August, *An. D.* 1558.¹

“There is a letter from Mr. Medley to Trussell, who was the bailiff at Wollaton, dated *An. D.* 1552, to order him to make provision for baking and brewing, etc., against the Lord John Grey's coming thither.

“There is a letter from Mr. Medeley to John Hall at Middleton, dated from Tyltey, August 1553, to desire some of the leveretts bread [= bred] at Middleton might be saved for the Lord John.

“There is a letter from Mr. Medeley to Trussell about buying Sir Hugh Willughby's estate in Maperley and Basford; he writes that what makes him fear to goe through with it was the recognyzaunce wherein he stood bound to the king's Majesty. *An. D.* 1553.

“There is an angry letter from Mr. Medeley to Trussell (in April 1562), because he neglected to keep Wollaton in good repair, and let the tenants' houses goe down. He orders such timber as is needful to be cut down and the houses to be repaired, and tells him Middleton is otherwise kept, which he may be ashamed of.

“There is a letter from Mr. Medeley to Mr. Francis Willughby, dated from Tyltey, January 1565[-6], in which he makes heavy complaints of his own debts, but writes that he will not trouble Mr. Willughby now, because he looks upon him as his chiefest friond, and therefore he reserves him for his greater need. He expresses great concern for his Lady's mishap in her travell, and wishes they may both be joyful parants of a jolly many sons.

“There is an account which shows that Mr. Medeley demanded 350*l.* for his discharging the trust which Sir Henry Willughby had reposed in him, and in this account there is mention made of money which he paid the Duke of Suffolk by Sir Henry Willughby's order.

“There are severall letters from Mr. Medeley's widow to Sir Francis Willoughby, *An. D.* 1568, about her husband's accounts. In one of the letters she enlarges upon the great care his uncle Medeley took upon him for thirteen years together to satisfy the trust which his father had reposed in him.

¹ 1559 according to p. 399, above

“From *An. D.* 1559 that Mr. Francis Willoughby was at Tyltey till near the time of his marrying, I don't find where he was, but believe he might spend most of that time at the University.

“There is a copy of a letter from Mr. Francis Willoughby to his uncle the Lord Grey, to make him acquainted that he had been invited to many of his friends and kinsmen's houses, amongst the rest (as he trusts God did appoint it) he was at Mr. Lyttleton's at Frankley, in Worcestershire, sundry times received with great cheer and good entertainment, and in the end it was moved to him, first by good Lord Dudley and after by Mr. Lyttleton, a marriage between his daughter and himself. After good deliberation it had pleased God to give him a liking to the young gentlewoman, who had had a good education and was descended from a house of great antiquity, well friended and alyed, dwelling near his house of Middleton. And Mr. Lyttleton's offers with his daughter being reasonable, could he have his Lordship's favour, he was fully minded to match himself to her.

“Mr. Lyttleton offered to gie with his daughter 1,500*l.*, to apparell her decently, to bear their charges at the time of their marriage, and to give them their table with six persons to attend them, for three years, and the keeping of six geldings. He writes that his cousin Medley can at large declare to him the manner of his proceeding, and he desires his Lordship's favour and good will that he may proceed herein according to his good advice.

“There is a copy of a very angry letter from Mr. Francis Willoughby to his brother Arundell, dated A.D. 1564, for being against his marrying Mrs. Lyttleton, for which he had the advice of his cousin Medley, the Lord Dudley, the Lord John Grey, and other of his friends.

“His sister the Lady Arundell, I believe was elder than he, and by being much together when they were children, she had assumed, and gained to herself such a power of governing him that after, when he was grown up, she could not leave off the custom she had used in their childhood, but continued to expect that her brother should advise with her in all his affairs, and therefore when she had heard it was reported that her brother was going to marry Mr. Lyttleton of Frankeley's daughter, she was very angry with him for beginning such a treaty without first making her acquainted [with] it, and expressed her resentment of it in severall letters. One she begins with blaming his breach of promise in not coming to London, and then goes on to tell him 'tis reported that he is insured to Mr. Lyttleton's daughter. She writes that she marvels much that his hast should be so great, and his estimation of her so little, as never to consult her in the matter, who was always willing to do any thing which might be a pleasure to him. She understood George Willoughby had procured him this marriage, she believed out

of some crafty designs of his own, else he would never have persuaded him to proceed so far without consulting any of his friends. She desires him not to trust to George Willoughby's painted words, nor to let his flattery abuse him so much as to make him think that he was the only able person to be of his counsel, for he had divers friends that had more care for him, and were better able to advise him. She desires to see him, but writes 'if this thing be already past, I pray God to send you as good speed as your haste has been great, which seldom goes together.'

"There are many more letters in the library at Wollaton, which shew that Lady Arundell was extremely against her brother's marrying Mrs. Lyttleton, which he took very unkindly from her, and at last began to suspect that Lady Arundell coveted his estate, and therefore would be against his marrying anybody. Lady Arundell being made acquainted with these thoughts which her brother had of her, writ him a long letter upon this subject, to justifie herself, and in it gave her reasons why she was against this match, viz., because she thought Mr. John Lyttleton was an ill man, that he was a great dissembler, etc.

"There is a story in Dugdale's *Antiquities of Warwickshire* [p. 38] which, if true and of the same Sir John Littleton, would give one reason to believe Lady Arundell's thoughts that he was an ill man was but too well grounded." [Account of Richard Smith, son of Sir Walter Smyth of Shirford "that was murdered by his lady," and his treaty with Sir John Littleton for the marriage of his only daughter by his first wife to Sir John's third son, and of Sir John's tricking him out of the reversion of the estates settled by him on the two children].

"Lady Arundell, not having power enough with her brother to break the match, though by many letters it appears she used her outmost endeavours, at last sends him her good wishes in the manner I shall show by copying part of a letter from her to her brother, which she dates from the Court at St. James's. She writes that it well appears, that what he writ to her was not his own thoughts but what George Willoughby counseled. She writes that he does her wrong to say she does not like the gentlewoman. Her saying they were more in haste then they needed, she thought was no dispraise to her. She writes that she can't take it well of him to burden her with being unwilling that he should marry in hopes she might enjoy his estate; this, she writes, comes not from himself, who knew that her behaviour to him had deserved a better opinion, himself best knew if she, or anybody for her, had ever persuaded him not to marry. If she had been against his marrying, she would not have consented to the buying out of his wardship, and he well knew the executors would not have paid the money if she and Mr. Arundell had not consented. And if this were all she had to say, she thought this a sufficient proof that she was not against his marrying.

“ She desires him to make her commendations to her sister that shall be, with whom she desires to be acquainted, and she wishes them happily to match, and joyfully to live together, and that God may bless them with such increase of children as may be most to both their comforts.

“ There is a copy of a letter from Mr. F[rancis] Willoughby, dated from Frankeley, November, 1564, to his sister, the Lady Arundell, in which he tells her that he had then resolved to marry Mrs. Lyttleton ; that he was first moved to this marriage by his near kinsman the very good Lord Dudley and divers others who bore him good will ; that the Lord Grey (who in duty he thought he ought to advise with) approved of his choice ; that Mr. Lyttleton was of a very ancient family, and a very good alliance, and had given his daughter a very good education, and gave her a good fortune, and required a very reasonable jointure and the settlement of but one third part of his estate upon heirs male by her, etc.

“ Mr. Lyttleton gave his daughter 1500*li.* and three years' board for themselves, their horses and six servants.

“ There is a friendly letter from Sir Matthew Arundell to Mr. Francis Willoughby, which gives an account of some things which he had bought for him, and that he had sent him some songs, strings, and three books, and for his sister some white Flanders work, not so fine as he would have had, but such as was to be had in London, and some combs, and he writes that his wife had sent a partlet and a pair of sleeves. And if he might know what other things he would have from London, he would provide them. He returns thanks to Mr. Littleton and his Lady for his well usage and good cheer, and concludes, ‘ I bid you fare as myself. In haste from the Court, the 20th of May.

Your brother most lovingly.’

“ There is a letter from Lady Arundell to her brother Willoughby, in which she desires to know how his executors had dealt with him, and in what condition he had found his land and houses. She writes that she perceives by Mr. Lyttleton that as yet he has dealt but little in these affairs, and it is her opinion that the sooner he takes them in hand the better it will be both for his experience and profit. She writes that if Sir Matthew Arundell might know when he was to go into Dorsetshire, she would accompany him. She concludes thus ‘ with my hearty commendations to my sister and you, I bid you fare well, wishing you as I would myself.’

“ There is a letter from Sir John Lyttleton (who I must now call Sir) to Mr. Willoughby, who from this time I will call Sir Francis, not finding when the Queen knighted him. This letter is dated August the 24th, 1566. In it he writes

his son-in-law word that if he had not so suddenly departed from Killingworth,¹ he would have made his daughter a lady, for he was sought for but could not be found within an hour after he was gone, when there were six knights made, viz., Sir William Devereux, Sir George Hastings, Sir John Throgmorton, Sir Foulke Grevile, Sir George Turpin (Sheriff of Warwick and Leicester) and himself. He writes that the Queen went to Mr. Lucye's house, and that the Lord Leicester attended upon Her Majesty till Her Highness was pass'd Warwick, and then returned to Killingworth, and so much company with him that one would have judged there was nobody wanting but the Queen's Highness, and after a day's stay at Killingworth¹ he went to the Court.

"There is a letter from Sir Matthew Arundell to Sir Francis Willoughby to complain of his ill hap not to see his father-in-law at the Court, and also complaining that Sir Francis Willoughby does not write to him; he hopes being at such a distance will not cause Sir F[rancis] W[illoughby] to forget him, and writes that it is an evil day that is not worth regarding.

"In another letter Sir Matthew writes Sir F[rancis] Willoughby that his sister will see him at Easter and tarry a month with him, 'in the mean season use her and me as you judg you may.'

"In another letter Sir Matthew writes Sir F[rancis] W[illoughby] that he had been at Woodland to receive the Lord Herbert, who came and killed a buck in the park with his hounds, of which pack tho' he might have commanded, yet he would not send Sir F[rancis] W[illoughby] any, because he did not like them, nor can he commend the hounds of that country, but if he hears of any good he will try to get them, or any thing else which he shall have a mind to. He has sent a brace of young dogs apt for game. He writes that he will not fail the Queen at Oxford,² where he wishes Sir F[rancis] Willoughby would also be. There is like to be great shows of learning, and a notable tragedy there is in hand, and if he would come Sir Matthew promises to be his har-binger. Dated from Wilton.

"There is a letter from Lady Arundell which gives an account of the Earl of Leicester's entertainment of the Court at Kellemyale (*sic*),³ his house, and she also seems to write with pleasure of an entertainment which he gave to Sir Francis Willoughby and the rest of his country gentlemen. This letter tells her brother that she has made enquiry but could not yet hear of one that could play and sing, but she hopes

¹ Kenilworth, co. Warwick.

² Her first visit to Oxford University, of which the Earl of Leicester had been elected Chancellor in 1564, occurred on 31 August, 1566, and following week.

³ Kenilworth?

she shall provide him one when she goes to London. She writes that she has seen his house of Woodland, which is very ancient and in great decay. She concludes with thanks for his mare, commendations to his wife, Sir John Lyttleton and his Lady, with thanks for their courtious entertainment of her.

“The date of the year is not writ to any of these letters from Lady Arundell, but there are many very friendly letters from Sir John Lyttleton to Sir Francis Willughby, dated *An. D.* 1566 and 1567, which seem to have been writ when Sir Francis had gone journeys of business from Frankley. In one Sir John thanks Sir F[rancis] W[illoughby] for a fat buck, in another he wishes Sir F[rancis] W[illoughby]’s business were finished that they might soon see him again at Frankley, and sends hearty commendations from his wife and mother.

“In a letter from Sir John Lyttleton to Sir F[rancis] Willughby, dated *A.D.* 1569, he expresses a kind concern for his daughter’s health, and also a concern for not paying the whol sum of money that was due at the time he had promised it, but he writ he had been ill used by his attorney, and therefore could only send now by the bearer 110*l.*

“There is a letter from Lady Arundell to Sir F[rancis] Willughby, dated from the Court. In this letter she writes that though he has no great matter to write of, yet it pleaseth her to hear of his good state, as she had lately done by the Lords that were with him, who had told her they had not seen him look so well of a good time, which made her think he had recover’d [from] his cough. She writes that she here incloses the letter he desired, which was not sent to herself but to Sir Matthew, and in his absence she intersepted it, and intended to have kept it to shew him if he had not sent for it. She desires to know if Sir John Lyttleton had paid the money, or set the day when he would, and wishes him better fortune with the rest that is to come than he has hitherto had, etc.

“In another letter Lady Arundell writes Sir Frances Willughby that she should have thought Sir John Lyttleton’s house the best place for him to have been in, had he been such a man as he professed, but in his dealing with him he had verified her opinion of him that he was a great dissembler, and for that reason it was that she misliked his matching into that house. For his wife, she writes that ways might be found to deal with her, whose country friends would stand her in but little stead. She writes that she intended to stay at the Court all summer.

“There is a letter from Lady Arundell to her brother, dated from Shaftbury, in which she hopès business of his side is less troublesome then with them, where the great murther has been done of favour procured for the help of

them. His cares, she guesses, is building and setting up of houses. She makes a doubt whether his wife will like houskeeping, especially when she knows of the company he means to have. She thinks she can't come to him till after Easter, and believes in the mean time he will not be idle. She desires to know how his last being at the Bath proved with him, and concludes wishing his well doing.

"In another letter, which Lady Arundell dates from the Court, she writes her brother that she thinks the time long since she heard anything from him, and she is very desirous to know how he likes houskeeping, now, before she can come herself to see; she is sorry she can't now fix the time when that shall be.

"She writes that the Lord Admirall desires that when he sells his woods, he may have them for his money before any other, which will be a conveniency to him, being so near his house and also to himself. She concludes wishing long the well doing of himself and his wife.

"There is another letter from Lady Arundell to her brother, in which she wishes he had not began his work upon the Treant (the making it navigable), because it would be so chargeable. She writes that she thinks his wife should not be so unreasonable, and if he continues at Middleton, that will make a tryal whither she more desires to enjoy his company or follow her own will. She writes that she is uncertain whither her Highness will go to York or stay at Kyllingworth.

"In a letter dated from Wilton Lady Arundell writes Sir F[rancis] Willughby that she is come from the Court to Lord Pembroke's house in Wiltshire, where she intends to stay three months; and ere it be long Mr. Arundell will begin to keep house. She writes that before she left the Court she dealt with the Lord Warwick concerning setting forth men towards Scotland, and found him so willing to pleasure Sir Francis that he said he should have considered it himself if she had not spoke, and did assure her that he would not be unmindful of it when occasion should serve. In this letter she writes that she thinks her aunt Topclyfe is sorry she is come down, and that she has got profers for her husband, but wishes Sir F[rancis] Willughby would do something in the matter, for she believed if he perceived that he would take his aunt's part, he would then offer some reasonable provision for her. In this letter she prays to be remembered to her sister, and looks daily to hear of her good delivery, and desires to know what good liking he had of Asplehut,¹ and how long he tary's there.

¹ Aspley Hall, parish of Radford (in the city of Nottingham).

“ In another letter Lady Arundell writes that she doubts Topclyfe will not be got to pay his wife’s portion, and she pittys her case. And in another letter she expresses great concern for her aunt Topclyfe’s miserable condition, her husband not performing what he had promised for her maintenance.

“ And in another letter she writes Sir F[rancis] Willughby that she has got the Bishop of London and others in commission with him to cause Mr. Topclyfe to appear before them, and if this helps not, she knows not what will.

“ This Topclyf, that Lady Arundell often writes of with much compassion, was Jane, the daughter of Sir Edward Willughby, and sister to Sir Henry that was killed at Norwich, A.D. 1548.

“ If George Willoughby was a brother of hers, it is more then the pedigree shews, for there is no mention of any younger brother George, but by many letters it appears that Sir Francis Willughby called George Willughby uncle, and that George Willughby was one that Sir Francis often employed in business.

“ There is a letter from this George Willughby, dated February, 1574[-5], directed to his son-in-law Repington, who seems to have been a lawyer employed by Sir F[rancis] W[illoughby]. In this letter George Willoughby writes that there are other lands to pass in the same fine which are not part of the jointure, as namely the manors of Wollaton and Sutton Passis, Cossall, Gunthorp and Lewdham (*sic*), in the county of Nottingham, Dunsby, in Lincolnshire, and Woodland, in Dorsetshire, all which he writes are to pass in this manner, viz., to Sir Francis Willughby and his heirs male, and for want of such issue, to his heirs general, and for want of such issue to the right heirs.

“ There is a letter from Sir F[rancis] W[illoughby] to his uncle George Willughby, about buying land of the Earl of Huntington and others.

“ There is a letter from Lady Arundell to Sir Francis Willughby to put him in mind of his promise of coming to them, which both she and Mr. Arundell, she writes, look for, and desire, and if his wife like to travel with him, she might be welcom.

“ Upon the back side of this letter there is writ the copy of a letter from Sir F[rancis] W[illoughby] to his sister in answer to hers. He writes that much business relating to his estate prevents his being able to come to her at this time, one thing that hinders is land purchased lately in Cossall, which he doubts he shall lose if there be not some friend to move the Queen, and in this he should be glad to use her help, thinking

she would be at the Court before he should be compelled to make his direct answer. He writes that the bargain between his father-in-law and himself is broken off, because he can have no good assurance for the money, and he fears he shall be compelled to sue him. He writes that his wife is great with child, and that if after her delivery, she shall retain her usual trade, he shall be forced to change his mind as her frowardness shall occasion him. She had burdened him in that by his dealing with her he had been the occasion of the loss of her children, which, tho' not true, he was contented to bear.

“There is a letter from Lady Arundell to Sir Francis Willoughby in which she writes that Lady Willoughby's dislike of her coming and writing a letter to Mr. Arundell to stay her, had made her not willing to come to bring unquietness to any place, and much less to his house, where she prays he may be quiet without her, and then she would content herself with forbearing to come.

“The copy of Lady Willoughby's letter to Sir Matthew Arundell, which still remains in the library at Wollaton; is to this effect : That she hears his wife is comming to see her brother, which she desires he will prevent, for she is resolved never to stay in the house where his wife is. She believes Sir Matthew is not ignorant what letters his wife had writ to her brother Sir F[rancis] W[illoughby] four years before this time, in which she would have represented her a person fitter for Bridewell than to trouble any honest gentleman's house. These letters she had ready to shew, to testify the ill will which she bore herself and children, and she believed her comming now would tend to no other end but to break the good agreement which there was now between her husband and self, as she had endeavoured heretofore, etc. Dated from Kinsbury, September the 5th.

“There is a letter from Lady Arundell to her brother, in which she writes that if her comming to his house would stand him in any stead, she shall not refuse to come, tho' she had as great dislike to come into his wive's company as she had to come into hers.

“In another letter from Lady Arundell to Sir Francis Willoughby she expresses her trouble that what should be his comfort is his greatest grief, and writes that she often imagins how that might be help'd, and would advise that the next time she falls into those rages that he should send for her father to come to her, and that they should both go with him home and board there with a convenient number of servants, till such time as she should have lost her wilfulness, and would apply herself to please him. Or if he would like, since home gave him no content, to come abroad to her, and keep Christmas with them, Mr. Arundell and she should

be glad of his company. But if business would not let him come now into these parts, shortly after Christmas she was to goe up¹ to wait and stay half a year, in which space she hoped he would take some good occasion to come up.

“In another letter from Lady Arundell to Sir F[rancis] W[illughby] she writes that she has spoken to the Lord Keeper, and finds the reason that he was out of the Commission of Peace in Nottinghamshire was because he was in that for Warwickshire, and it was not allowed that one man should be of the commission in two counties, but he might choose which county he would be of the commission in. In this letter she writes that she is glad to hear his wife behaves herself better.

“There is a letter from Sir John Lyttleton to Sir F[rancis] Willughby, dated June, 1572, in which he makes great complaints of two of Sir F[rancis] W[illughby]’s servants, viz., Catesbie and Marmyon, who, he writes, spread slanderous reports of his daughter the Lady Willughby.

“There is in this year, A.D. 1572, a long and very particular account in writing of a scene of great villany laid by Ithel, Catesbie, Marmyon, Pardia, Barthol (*sic*) and Widdison, all servants of Sir F[rancis] Willughby, who had plotted together to defame their lady, and thereby make a breach between her and Sir Francis. Amongst these wicked servants Ithel seems by this account to have been the worst. ’Tis there noted down that he took great pains to have drawn Squire, another of Sir F[rancis] Willughby’s servants, to have been in their cabal, but they could not prevail with him, who would always assert his Lady’s innocency and pittie her misfortunes.

“There is a paper writ by Squire, in which he says he has often heard his Lady with tears bewaile her unquiet life through Ithel and his companyons dealing against her, and belying her to her husband; and that she had told him that being one day with her husband at Streley, she had heard Sir Anthony Streley say to another gentleman leaning in a windoe with him: ‘I am heartily sorry for that poor gentlewoman’s miserable case, there being certain verlets who villanously seek her utter undoing.’

“Squire writes that Lady Willughby, upon telling him this, desired he would stand her friend, and learn what he could of their meaning. But she chiefly fear’d Lady Arundell and Ithel. He writes that he promised his Lady with an oath that he would deal for her faithfully and truely in all respects.

“There is an account, of Squire’s writing, that one time, when he was going from London to Nottingham, he went to wait upon the Lady Arundell to know if she would command

¹ To Court.

him any service to her brother ; she said she had great matters to talk with him about, such as she was loath to commit to writing, expecting to see him shortly in London, ‘ which she willed me to tell him, if he was not coming towards London before I came to Nottingham. She willed me to stay a while that she might talk with me, for now she had leisure, the Queen being gone to Leicester House.’ After a little astronomical talk, and about mathematicall books in the Italian tongue, etc., she made a large enquiry after her sister, the Lady Willughby, viz., what company she kept, etc. Upon this subject there is a very long dialogue writ down by Squire, too much to copy, but, in short, it plainly shows that Lady Arundell strove to learn of Squire stories of her sister, that she might tell her brother in order to give him ill impressions of his Lady. Squire’s answers all tend to excuse and commend his Lady. He named some of the ladys that she most visited, amongst which were the Lady Stanhop and Mrs. Haddam, to which Lady Arundel answered, ‘ That woman with her ! I heard so before. Well, my sister doth not well, and I marvell my brother will suffer it.’

“ There are many letters from Lady Arundell to Sir Francis Willughby which, as well as this dialogue writ by Squire, shew that she must have been very much to blame in agravating Lady Willughby’s faults to Sir Francis, and thereby increasing the uneasiness that was between her and her husband. It appears that she had an inquisitive way of picking up all the little stories that she could of Lady Willughby and then telling them with advantage to her brother. There are severall letters from Lady Arundell to her brother in which she excuses Ithel. And there is the copy of a letter from Sir F[rancis] Willughby to his sister, which shows that Sir Francis had upon examination found Ithel guilty of telling stories and making lyes of his wife.

“ There is a long letter from Lady Arundell, in answer to this from her brother, in which she accuses Squire as the person that had raised ill reports of Ithel, and writes that it was Squire himself that had first told her what company his wife kept, and that she had a great liking to Haddam’s wife, to which she had answered him that she wished her sister had chose a better companion, for she was like to get no good by keeping her company. Lady Arundell writes that many stories were bruted about by Squire, and that he would find him to be a desembling knave. She had learnt that he had been with the Countess of Warwick to acquaint her that Ithel had told her stories of her sister, and to perswade the Countess not to believe any thing which she should say of her sister the Lady Willughby.

“ There is the copy of a letter, dated May, 1572, from Squire to Lady Willughby, in which he gives her notice of a great plot laid against her to defame her to her husband, because

she kept company with Haddam's wife, who they would represent as a vile woman, but he had ever thought her to be a good honest gentlewoman. He prays God to defend Lady Willoughby from such enemies.

“There is the copy of a long letter writ by Sir Francis Willughby, June, 1572, which seems to be an answer to one which Lady Arundell had writ to him full of stories of his Lady, who Sir Francis vindicates, and seems not to credit Lady Arundell's reports of her. He writes that he guesses this comes from Catesbie's wife, who is scant honest, and admit that his wife should keep company with Haddam's wife, doth it follow that she must be touched with the like spot of dishonesty?

“There is a letter from Ithel to Sir Francis Willughby, in which he endeavours to clear himself from being any means of sowing discord between himself and his good Lady, dated *An. D.* 1572.

“There are several copies of letters writ by Sir Francis Willughby, *An. D.* 1573, which express much pitty and compassion for his wife, who was then in a very ill state of health, and, I believe, advised to goe to London for better help in her illness than she could find in the country.

“There is the copy of a letter writ by Sir Francis, June, 1573, to his cousin Mr. Thomas Willughby, to let him know that earnest business would not permit him to goe to London, and his uncle George Willughby was obliged to travel to the west, and thereby his wife would not be so well provided for as he wished in this time of her sickness, and therefore he prayed him that he would vouchsafe to accompaign his wife in town, if his own affairs would suffer him, and that during his abode with her, he would take care that she should want nothing which might either content her mind or be for the recovery of her health, and in his so doing, Sir F[rancis] Willughby writes that he shall not only discharge all the charges which he shall sustain, but also requite him with such friendship as shall rest with him during life.

“I don't find who this Mr. Thomas Willughby was, but believe he was the father of Sir Percivall.

“There is a letter from Lady Willughby to Sir F[rancis] Willughby, dated the 16th year of Queen Elizabeth, being *An. D.* 1574, in which letter she thanks Sir Francis for the venison that he sent her to London, which she thought the best she ever eat. She writes that her phisitians think it is very dangerous for her to travel. She would have got their leave to have gone to her cousin Thomas Willoughby's in Kent, and would have made two days' journey of it, but they would not consent to it. She writes that she thinks 'tis very unlikely that she should goe forth her time, if she be with child

as she trusts in God she is, and yet some of her phisitians think the contrary. She desires they would give her something, either to help or else to dispatch her quickly, for she thinks death would be a thousand times more welcome to her then to live as she now does continually sick.

“She writes that she has sent him a hat (which she chose for him herself); which is of the newest fashion, and she thinks a very good fashion for him, because it is not high crowned, so that when he rides a hunting he may go under the bushes and never pull it off.

“There is in the library at Wollaton a letter writ by Sir F[rancis] Willoughby in March, 1574[-5], to a servant of his that was then in London with his Lady, to enquir of him how his Lady does and what weekly charges do arise. He writes that he gave commandment that the horses should be sent down, but he perceives her mind is now changed, and thereby he is disappointed for the conveying of the children to Middleton. He knows not the meaning of this, unless it be to increase his charges, and if that should exceed the rate he was contented to allow, it would be hardly gotten at his hands, and London standing in the eye of the world, it would not stand greatly with her credit to be still riding in the streets. He would be advertised what time she means to continue in London. He also writes to know if Mr. Creme can find him any treble lutes fit for his purpose.

“There is a letter from Sir F[rancis] Willoughby, dated May, 1575, to Dr. Smith to thank him for the care he had taken of Lady Willoughby during her illness. And since he thinks Buxton waters necessary for her, Sir F[rancis] W[illoughby] writes that if she would accomplish what he would wish her to do, then he would come himself up to London, and if his leasure would permit him, he would goe with her himself to Buxton. And whereas he advised her to live in a wholesome air and eschue disorder in her diet and perturbations of her mind, for the air he writes that he thinks she will not mislike the place where he is disposed to dwell, being unwilling himself to be in any air which they could find hurt by, but in this point he desires she will consider her duty rather than to suffer herself to be guided by self will. For her disorder in diet and the perturbations of her mind, she only must help that; for his part, he would not give her any just occasion of trouble if reason might take place, and willfull will be laid aside.

“By these and many more copies of letters that are in the library it appears that Sir Francis and his Lady lived very unhappily together. There is the copy of a letter from Sir Francis Willoughby, dated June, 1575, to Sir John Lyttleton, in which letter he gives Sir John notice of his wife's intentions to goe to Buxton, where, he writes, she means to

stay a fortnight, but to what place she will return he knows not, and to be in other men's houses, refusing his own, is not convenient. Such journeys are very chargeable and sometimes bring more discredit than relief to a sick person. Plain dealing he knows has bred dislike between her and Sir John, but to let her follow her fancies would be meer phrensie. Would Sir John and his Lady, or any other friend of hers, come to confer with him before her going, he would stay her journey some time, but if not before, he would expect to meet them at Buxton, or else at their return from thence at Middleton, where (if she would goe thither) she should be used as became Sir John Lyttleton's daughter and his wife, but if she refused she should have but small maintenance or comfort from him. He expresses sorrow for writing so much, but says necessity forces him to shew his private pain, not that he would stain her good name, but he feared she would injure it by her own inconsideration.

"There is a letter from Sir John Lyttleton to Sir Francis Willughby, dated from Prestwood, June, 1575, in which Sir John expresses himself very affectionately and friendly to Sir Francis, and beholden to him for his plain dealing touching Lady Willughby, who he hoped would suffer reason to take place, for she had now faithfully promised that she would be directed by her husband as duty required, and that she would refer herself and cause to him to order as he should think well off, and that at her return from Buxton she would come to Middleton to him and remain there, or at any other place where he should think good, not weighing her health or life so much as contenting him. This done, Sir John writes that he shall then become her friend, notwithstanding what before had happened.

"There is a letter which Sir Francis Willughby writ to his Lady at Buxton, in which he wishes that with the recovery of her health, she may also put on a tractable mind, and let her self-will give place to reason, and that she would take the wholesome advice of her best friends. He writes that the horses shall be sent, and he desires she will repair the next way to Middleton that he may have the horses against the time he must goe to Killingworth. He desires her to be as good a wife as she would make shew of being to the world, and let her example cause him to do the like. 'Thus wishing you as myself,' etc.

"There is a letter from Lady Willughby to Sir Francis, in which she says she finds great benefit by the bath at Buxton, and would gladly have staid longer, but she writes that her sister Hollys must return home, and having taken her as she did, she thinks herself obliged to see her safe at home again.

"This good accord which now seemed to be begining between Sir Francis Willughby and his Lady did not last long, as will hereafter appear, but I shall here stop to mention

Queen Elizabeth's going a progress through that part of England about this time. Upon this occasion Sir Francis Willughby sent to inform himself by George Willughby what would be fit for him to do. In answer to which there is a letter from George Willughby, dated June, 1575, to let Sir Francis Willughby know that he had advised with severall of the country gentlemen where and in what manner they intended to meet the Queen, and by what he can learn, their servants need only to have plain livery coats, but he thinks Sir Francis's number of servants should in no wise be less then fifty, as well because heretofore he had not shewed himself to the Queen, as also that his estate was very well known both to Her Majesty and the whole Counsel to be nothing inferiour to the best. For himself, George Willughby writes that he thinks he cannot make less than three suits of apparell, for he is well assured that his attendance will be expected a week.

"I shall here copy a letter from Sir Francis Knolls to Sir Francis Willughby to give him notice of the Queen's coming to Wollaton :

"Her Majesty is determined to tarry two days at your house, that is to say tomorrow night and Thursday all day, whereof I thought good to advertise you betimes. Wherefore I think it best for you not to defray Her Majesty, but rather that you should give her some good present of beefs and muttuns, and to keep a good table yourself in some place, if you have any convenient room for it, two messe of meat. But do herein as you shall think best, but you had need to consider how your provision of drink, etc., may hold out. This Tuesday, the 20th day of July, 1575.

Your loving Friend,

F. Knolls.'

"There is no account book or papers that I could find which shewed in what manner the Queen was received and entertained at Wollaton.

"By many books of accounts and papers of the orders in the family it appears that Sir Francis Willughby was very exact in keeping the account of his income and his expences, and that he was very regular in his family, but many of these papers are so decayed by time that they remain very imperfect. The only sheet I found entire of those orders to be observed by his household servants I shall copy on the other side.

"A copy of some of the orders which were to be observed by Sir Francis Willughby's servants at Wollaton,' I believe about the year 1572.

"Item that Foxe supply the place of the usher, whose office is first of all to see that the hall be kept clean, and that his groom sees no doggs come there at all. He is diligently to have good regard of every person that comes into the

hall, to the end that if they be of the better sort, notice may be given to the master, or some head officer that they may be entertained accordingly. If of the meaner sort, then to know the cause of their coming, and to give advertisement over, to the end they may be dispatched and answer'd of their business, provided always that no stranger be suffered to pass without offering him to drink, and that no rascall or unseemly person be suffer'd to tarry there. The covering of the boards [= tables] doth appertain to the under butler.

“ Upon intelligence given from the clerk or the cook that the meat is ready to be served, he is with a loud voice to command all gentlemen and yeomen to repair to the dresser. At the neither end of the hall he is to meet the service, saying with a loud voice, “ Give place, my masters,” albeit no man be in the way, and so to goe before the same service untill he come to the upper end of the hall, carrying a little fine rod in his hand, which at all other times he is to carry in his bosom, whereby he is to be known of all strangers to be the usher. He is also to appoint some one yeoman, at his discretion, in the winter time to carry the torch before service in the night time. The dining chamber being served, he is to place in the hall in dinner and supper time all noblemen's men which be fellows together, and all gentlemen according to every of their master's degrees, but before their placing and sitting down, he is to give notice unto the clerk that so many mease are to be provided for, but in that matter the diligence of the clerk is no less required then the usher, to the end that they may both to their master's worship see the same very well served, according to the degrees and number of the strangers there.

“ If any great press of strangers shall be, then three or four of the meanest sort of servants, as namely the slaughterman, the carter, and some of the best of the grooms of the stable, or such like, are to be appointed by the usher to attend in t' hall. If no strangers be, then the grooms of the stable, and the allowed pages and boys in the house, to attend upon the first dinner, and they to have the remainder thereof, with some litle help out of the kitchen, as the usher shall see cause. And likewise the pages at the latter dinner to attend upon the gentlemen and yeomen, and the remainder of the meat at (*sic*) after both the dinners and suppers, presently by the usher to be put into the almes table, which is always by him to be kept safely locked, to be distributed among the poor such days as shall be appointed. Immediately after supper, if there be any strangers, the usher is with a loud voice to command all yeomen waiters to attend upon the buttery hatch, for the serving of —.

“ All disorders in the hall are by the usher to be reformed, and if there shall be any stubborn persons, he is to expell them out of the hall, and to command all men at dinner and supper time (if any great noise shall be) to keep silence, saying

with a loud voice, "Speak softly, my masters." His part is also to walk up and down the hall, and especially in the time of the first dinner or supper, and only to call and to command the buttler, the pantter, and such as be attendents to bring or fetch any thing that shall be wanting, but not in any wise to doe any service himself, otherwise than diligently to look to the tables. The benefit of the play in this as in many places doth belong to the buttler, but in most unto th'usher. He is diligently to see that no meat filched forth of the chamber be brought into the hall, nor yet to suffer any waiter to abide in the hall during the time their master is at dinner or supper, nor is he to suffer any filchen through the hall from the buttery, kitchen, or such like places. For he is an officer of great trust and credit, and next to the usher of the great chamber (if any be) in degree, above either cooke, butler, yeomen of the chambers, or porter.

"'Penne being appointed for the buttery, his office is ever to keep clean and sweet his buttery, and likewise his plate and cups, making sure every day to have fresh and clean water, and for the most part twice a day to wash the same withal. His jacks appointed for the hall are to be kept from furring and unsweet savour. His office with th' aid of an under-buttler is to keep the great chamber clean, to make fires there, and to provide for lights in due season, and to cover the boards and cupboards there, having very good regard to the cleanness of his linen, and likewise to provide for cards and dice, whereof he is to have the profit.

"'The under-butler is to cover the boards in the hall. He is to suffer no household servant to remain tipling, or to be at all in the buttery; but whosoever is disposed to drink to be served at the hatch, and so to depart. Neither is he to suffer any stranger to come in the buttery, other then such as shall be of worship or good reputation, and they to be brought in either by some of their officers, by th' usher of th' hall, or else by some discrete gentleman or yeoman, for their better entertainment, according to their degrees and credit. He is to foresee that no breakfast, afternoon meats, nor hancks after supper be had or made there, or if any household servant by reason of his business come after dinner and is to have some meat, he is to be served in the hall and not in the buttery. But if any stranger of credit in like case come, he is by th' usher or some other discrete servant to be had into the buttery and not to be served in the hall.

"'The butler is also to use good discretion in serving forth of the bread and beer to the houses of office, as to the kitchen, the bakehouse, the nursery, and such like, that he, understanding the allowed number there, may so serve them, as it neither be with want nor yet with over great excess. He is to foresee that his broken beer be safe, and clean kept in sweet vessells for the poor. The buttery door ought not

without special cause to be set open till eight of the clock in the morning, and then so to stand till it be nine, and from thence to be shut again till between ten and eleven, and then to remain open till all dinners be done, and so after dinner and supper be done to be shut again till between two and three, and then after half an hour or thereabouts to be made fast till five, and so to remain open till nine, and after by no means to be opened that night without special cause. The discretion of that officer is to foresee that no filching of bread or beer be suffer'd, nor yet any want where reason doth require may be greatly both for his master's profit and worshipp, for it is an office both of good credit and great trust.

“There is a book of accounts¹ of Sir Francis Willoughby's expenses from November, 1572, to December, 1573, in which the sum total of every month's disbursement stands thus :

	£	s.	d.
November, 1572, disbursements this month was	100	4	2
December, ditto, this month came to the sum of	115	12	2
January, ditto [1572-3], that month	102	0	1
February, ditto, this month	71	11	2
March, ditto, disbursements that month came of	36	18	1
April, ditto, this month	31	2	11½
May, ditto, this month	87	19	11½
June, ditto, this month	45	13	8½
July, ditto, this month	27	11	5½
August, 1573, this month	86	7	6
September, 1573, this month	178	10	8
October, 1573, this month	152	13	5
November, 1573, this month	223	2	5
December, 1573, this month	135	10	11½

By which book it appears that Sir Francis Willoughby's household disbursments for these fourteen months came to the sum of £1394 18 8½

“A list of servants which did belong to Sir Francis Willoughby and his Lady, A.D. 1572, and their wages for a quarter of a year.

	£	s.	d.
Paid to Mrs. Willughby	13	6	8
To Mrs. Elizabeth	1	0	0
To Marjory [Garner]	1	0	0
To John [Johan Poker]	10	0	0
To John [Johan Beardmore]	5	0	0
To the Landress [Alice Lauanders]	10	0	0
To Marjory [Parleby]	6	8	0
To Elizabeth [Hay]	5	0	0
To Mary [Scrowin]	5	0	0

¹ This book, which has not been found, is partly, though not wholly, embodied in the one at p. 421, above. The surnames are here added in brackets from the latter.

	£	s.	d.
Paid to Henry Willoughby	1	13	4
To George Gum [Cam]	1	10	0
To Thomas Shaw	1	0	0
To Rigley [Wrigley]	1	0	0
To William Marmyon		15	0
To the Coachman		15	0
To William Blithe		13	4
To [L.] Rice		13	4
To Gregory [Gr(iffith) Ryce]		13	4
To [Oliver] Holland		13	4
To Tom [Belper]		13	4
To Roger [Collier]		13	4
To James Coke		13	4
To the Warrener [John Warryner]		13	4
To Sheperd of Arnol		10	4
To Sheperd of Basford		10	4
To John Penne		10	0
To Hugh [Mercer]		10	0
To Tom [Thomas Tayler]		10	0
To William Stock [Stoekes]		10	0
To John [Dun]		10	0
To William Derby		10	0
To Fox		10	0
To John Gold		8	4
To William Carter		8	4
To John Smith		8	4
To Bright		8	4
To Robert [Mason]		8	4
To John B[orros]		6	8
To Richard B. [Ric. Lackye]		6	8
To Thomas S[toekes]		6	8
To John S[cot]		6	8
To John [Mee]		6	8
To John Dun		4	0
To John P. [Kettle?]		3	4
To the boy in the kitchen		3	4
To [Merycokes] the clerk of the church		5	0
The armorer's wages one quarter		10	0
The musitioners' wages one quarter	5	0	0
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	£43	19	8

“This account of servants makes no mention of any belonging to the nursery, tho’ before this year 1572 I believe most of Sir Francis Willoughby’s daughters were born.

“The two John’s set down amongst the women servants, I believe might both belong to Lady Willoughby in particular. And Henry Willoughby who is set down first in the list of the gentlemen servants was, I believe, Sir Francis’s chief gentleman, and by the spelling his name with an *o*, I believe he was

of the Eresby family, tho' that distinction of the names of the two families I don't find always observed, but that Sir Francis Willughby himself did sometimes write his name *ou* and that Sir Percivall sometimes with the *u* only. Therefore 'tis very likely that both families might originally be the same and so spell their names alike, tho' throughout this book I have made that distinction because I most often find Sir Francis Willughby's name spelt without the *o* and Sir Percivall Willoughby's name spelt with it.

“There are many letters which show that towards the end of the summer, *An. D.* 1575, Sir Francis Willughby and his Lady lived very unhappily together, and that, notwithstanding her fair promises to her father that she would be directed by her husband, she had not been long returned from Buxton before she showed the contrary. Some alteration I believe Sir Francis had a mind to make in her marriage settlement, which might displease her.

“There is a letter from George Willughby to Sir Francis, dated in October, 1575, which shows that he did ill offices between Sir Francis and his Lady, for in this letter he desires Sir F[rancis] Willoughby would banish his wife from him, if after her many promises she would not at last yield to pass the fines.

“There is in the library at Wollaton the copy of a letter writ by Sir F[rancis] W[illoughby] to Sir John Lyttleton, *An. D.* 1575, full of complaints of his wife. Amongst other things he writes that one day at Wollaton, as he was talking with Mary, his fool, of going to Kinsbury, his wife answered she would not goe thither; upon which he asked her if she would stay at Wollaton or goe to Middleton; she answered that she would not stay there, and that if she had not been lately very sick he would not have found her there, for she would have been gone before he had returned. He asked her whither? To which she answered, her friends would not see her destitute, and she would not bear so much as she had done, and that she would not with her good will tarry any longer with him, who, she said, kept her but as a fool, to jest and flout at.

“There is the copy of another letter from Sir Francis Willughby to Sir John Lyttleton, in which he tells him that one night Sir Thomas Cocken supped with him and his wife at Nottingham, and used many friendly speeches to perswade her to be in a better temper, calling her sister, and telling her he did so because he had but one sister, and her name was Lyttleton. But Lady Willughby grew very angry, and wished him to fall to his meat, if he had no other speeches to impart to her. Sir Thomas Cockin commended some of the servants for being men of honesty, and wished she would not be so much offended with them: to which she replied

they were the veryest villins that ever woman was troubled with.

“There are severall letters from Sir John Littleton to Sir Francis Willughby in behalf of his daughter, which letters shew that he endeavoured as much as he could to reconcile Sir Francis and his Lady. In one of these letters he assures Sir Francis that he would by no means plead for his daughter, if he did not believe her very innocent concerning those aspersions which had been cast upon her by malicious people and such as had ill designs upon Sir Francis.

“In answer to these letters there is the copy of a very long letter wrote by Sir Francis Willughby to Sir John Lyttleton, in which he gave a large account of his wives behaviour. He wrote that he had long born her froward humour with secret sorrow (which now long of herself was become so publick), and to keep her in temper he had forborn having his only sister a night in his house for eight years, and then because she came to have stayed three or four nights, his wife went down to the vicarage and sent for him, but he refused to goe to her. The next day she sent to him to know if he would suffer her come into the house to speak with him, he answered that he never forbid her the house, but he desired she would carry herself as she ought. Nevertheless upon her coming into the house she called his sister abominable names, and swore she would neither eat, drink or sleep till she was revenged of her.

“Sir Francis Willughby did not write how this dispute ended, but by many papers it appears that from this time they lived very unhappily together, and that Lady Willughby would often fall into passions, which made her say very provoking vexatious things to Sir Francis, who seems to have been a man of great piety and learning. There are in the library at Wollaton a great many very pious discourses writ by him, and several sermons which he made for his own chaplains to preach, and a collection of the most learned books of his time.¹ By copys of his own letters and other papers he appears to have been of a very mild, sweet disposition, and a lover of hospitality, but a little too apt to be imposed on by stories from his servants, who, I believe, made some advantages to themselves by aggravating those unhappy differences between himself and his Lady, who seems to have been a woman of wit and virtue, but of a turbulent spirit and ungovernable passions, as one may judge by copies of many of her letters and dialogues, some of which I shall copy here.

“It is before mentioned (page 70)² that the Lady Stanhop was one of those Ladys which Lady Willughby most often visited, and from her doing so, I believe, some of her enemies

¹ Still preserved at Wollaton.

² See page 534, above.

would have raised a jealousy in Sir Francis that Lady Willughby's friendship with the Lady Stanhop did proceed from her liking to be in Sir Thomas Stanhop's company. This made an uneasiness between Sir Francis Willughby and the family of the Stanhop's of Shelford.

“There is an account that upon Christmas even Sir Francis left his Lady and went to Coventry, and that he took with him great part of the plate, but yet left enough with his Lady for necessary use. At his going away from her, he did require of her a jewel in which was Sir Thomas Stanhop's picture, but she bid him content himself, for he should never have that whilst he lived, and also many other disrespectful things she said to Sir F[rancis] W[illoughby] at their parting.

“This jewel, in which was Sir Thomas Stanhop's picture, I find by letters to Lady Willughby was bought by Sir Thomas Stanhop for his own Lady, but Lady Willughby having desired Sir Thomas upon his going to London that he would buy her some such diamonds, and he not meeting with them, writ a letter to excuse his not buying the diamonds for her, and with that letter sent the jewel which he had bought for his own wife, in which was his own picture, which picture he desired might be returned to his wife, and if Lady Willughby liked to keep the diamonds the price of them was sixty-six pounds.

“There is a letter from Sir Thomas Stanhop directed to the worshipfull Mrs. Marrows (who I believe was Lady Willoughby's sister). He writes that he had received the jewell, but knew not why Lady Willughby's having the jewel or wearing it should breed any harm, for he bought it reasonably cheap, and meant his wife should have worn it, and therefore caused his own picture to be put therein, but my Lady her sister having desired him when he went to town to lay out such a sum upon a jewel for her, and he finding none for her price, at his return sent this picture and a letter with it for her to show her husband with the jewel and the picture, and if upon consideration thereof they both liked the jewel for the money it cost, then they might keep the jewel and return him the picture. This letter was dated from London, March, 1578[-9].

“Before Sir Francis went this Christmas evo from his Lady (who, I believe, might be then at Kinsbury) to Coventry, I find by a letter from Sir John Lyttleton, dated November, 1578, that she had gone from Sir Francis to Frankeley. In this letter from Sir John to his daughter, he blames her for comming with others with her to Frankeley, without giving them warning, when she knew that her mother was at Prestwood. He wrote that he refers it to her own rash head what wisdom was in this, and because he hears she intends to come to Prestwood, he thinks fit to let her understand that he is not well, and the sight of her will not mend, but greatly disquiet him, and therefore he trusts never to

see her more. She has forgot the duty of a daughter to him, and he will forget her as his daughter in every thing, but that of praying for her, that God would bless her and her children, and send her grace to show herself both in life, word, and deed a dutiful wife to her husband.

“In the long account which Sir Francis Willughby gave Sir John Lyttleton of his wives behaviour to him, he writes that three weeks after he had left her, he sent to Henry Draycott to goe to her and let her know that he was going to her husband (on purpose to try what message she would send): her answer was, she would send no commendations to him, for she cared not for him.

“He writes that soon after he went himself to Kinsbury, taking with him Sir Fowlk Grevell, Mr. Boughton, and Mr. Fisher. Of what passed there, Sir Francis gives in this letter to Sir John Littleton a short account, and elsewhere I find it writ down to this effect, viz., That after they had supped at Kinsbury Sir Francis Willughby sent to his Lady (who had before refused to come to supper) to requir her to speak with him; she sent word she would speak with him in the gallery, where they all went. What Sir Francis said at first going into the gallery was not heard by the company, but his Lady answer'd in great coller, ‘I will blaze your arms and make you better known.’ Sir Francis pressed her to be reconciled to his sister, which she refused. He then asked her if in all other things she would be ruled by him, to which she answered she would not be ruled by him. Upon which Sir Fowlk Grevell said, ‘Why, madam, will you refuse to be ruled by your husband?’ She answer'd she was the Queen’s sworn servant and knew not but Sir Francis might command her something against Her Majestie’s proceedings; to which Sir Fowlk said that was an evil objection for a wife to lay to her husband. Mr. Boughton would have perswaded her for her children’s sake and her own (for to discredit her husband was to discredit herself and posterity) that there might be a good agreement and love between herself and husband. She answer’d that her heart was hardned against Sir Francis, and she could not love him as she had done. Sir Francis answered her that since his first marrying her to this day her actions had shewed the little love which now her speech made manifest. He asked her how she could answer keeping those servants which he had discharged contrary to his liking. To which she gave him a very passionate answer. And many more disrespectful speeches are set down in that dialogue from her to Sir Francis, who told her of some things which he disliked, to which (says this written account) she answered in mockage that she thanked him, and if she had had a cap she would have put it off to him. Many more spitefull disrespectful speeches she made which are there copied, but this I think is sufficient to show the nature of their uneasiness, and too much to be noted down by a grand-daughter in the fourth descent from this Lady.

“This meeting, which seems to have been designed in order to have reconciled the unhappy difference between Sir Francis and his Lady, served only to increase that breach which was already made. Mrs. Mearing, Lady Willoughby’s woman, was with her Lady in the gallery, and to Mr. Fisher expressed her sorrow for what had passed.

“Sir Francis, having left his Lady at Kinsbury Hall, went into Nottinghamshire. After which Lady Willoughby would have sent some of the men out of the house, but they sent her word that they would not goe. Upon which she went down herself, being led by Mrs. Eliz. Mearing and another of the maids, to have seen them turned out, but meeting Cludde with his sword under his arm, Lady Willoughby cry’d out in a fright, ‘What! will they murder me in my husband’s absence?’ And upon this, sending down some of her maids to raise the town, there came in Penn and Green and divers others after them, who not being able to appease or satisfie my Lady, she desired them all to guard her to the vicarage, which they did.

“Sir Francis, being advertised of this disturbance at Kinsbury, left his business which he had at Colearton, and returned to his Lady, taking with him Mr. Beaumont. The reception he met with from his Lady was not more kind then before, and much such another discourse passed between them, which remains writ down amongst the old papers in the library at Wollaton.

“There is the copy of a letter from Sir Francis Willoughby to Sir John Lyttleton, in which he writ, that being to goe to London, he had set down directions for his men to observe in ordering of his family during his absence from Coventry, viz., that Joahn (*sic*) should look to the ordering of the children, to which his wife said who ever should take upon them to order her children in her presence she would mischief, and she would not be left amongst such villains, but would goe into the town. To which he answer’d that she should not, to make such an uproar as she had done before at Kinsbury. Then she desired to goe to an inn, and send for some of her friends to her, and upon his denying her that, she fell into a most violent passion, threatening to make away with herself, and being denied a knife would have struck her scissors into her belly if she had not been prevented.

“There remains now in the library at Wollaton those orders which Sir Francis Willoughby left with his servants, Henry Dracot and T. Cludd, when he went from Coventry to London, February, 1578[-9], and left his Lady in that disturbance which his letter to Sir John Lyttleton gives the relation off.

“‘A copy of the orders left by Sir Francis Willoughby to his servants at Coventry to be observed during his absence.

“‘That prayers be said at ten o’clock in the morning, and at five o’clock in the evening. That the children be there

present, and that after service is done dinner and supper be presently brought up.

“That those persons which I have discharged from my house do not repair thereto, nor have any conference with my wife, or any of her friends till my return.

“That she shall have nothing to do with the children, but that they shall be ordered by such as I shall appoint for that purpose.

“That the household be ordered by the discretion of Dracot and Cludde, and such as I shall authorise. The weekly charges not exceeding *4l. 13s. 4d.*

“That my wife shall not discharge or receive any servant, nor strike or evil entreat any servant.

“That Arthur Buckley do not suffer any horses to be employed at my wives command.

“That there be no stuff bought in the town without ready money paid for the same.

“That who I shall appoint doe keep the chamber where the stuff is laid, and not suffer my wife to buy or lay any other stuff there. That she have no authority to comand anything in the house except necessary diet for herself.

“That in my absence she shall not send any servant of any message to any place.

“That Dracot and Cludde shall discharge all such as shall break these orders and place others in their rooms, if there be need to have any greater number.

“That the children doe goe to bed strait after eight a clock at night, and are made ready before eight a clock in the morning. And after it is nine a clock at night, nobody must be in the great chamber, but that the fire be raked up and the door locked.

“That the servants be not gading into the town, but give their attendance at dinner and supper, and all other times.’

“Lady Willughby could not bear being thus left at Coventry with so little power in her family, and her servants so much, as appears by a letter from her directed to Sir Francis Willughby at London, and dated this February, A.D. 1578[-9]. Her letter was to this effect, that at Sir Francis’s late going to London, his pleasure was that she should remain in his house at Coventry, if she could like the same, and further he did order that the mayor and aldermen of the said city should provide her a house, not being an inn, if she did not like to continue in his house. She writes that after he was gone the servants did deal with her so cruelly that she was not able to bear it, fearing that both herself and the child she went with must have been both lost. Such was her grief, for which reason she went out of the house to meet her brother and some other friends and kinsfolks to confer with them what course she had best to take, minding to have returned home immediately after, but the servants refused

her entrance, which forced her to go to a house which the mayor and aldermen had provided for her, in which house she now was, in want of all necessaries, having no apparell but what was upon her back, nor any money to bear her charges. She desires he will remit and forgive her offence to him in words, and hopes at his return to be received by him, that they may live with comfort together. And till then she desires his answer by the messenger what she shall doe.

“There is a letter from Lady Arundell (who 'tis probable might bear her brother company when he return'd again into the country, and that she might write him this letter soon after her returning home). In it she says that she hears his wife is very joyfull for her departure out of the country, and that her gossips give out that she will use all the means she can to come to his presence and use speeches of great submission, although she means not to perform them. And that the mayor and cittizens of Coventry have promised her so diligently to solicit the matter, that there is no heart so hard as not to be moved to pity, much less his, whose natural disposition is to be courtious.

“There is another letter from Sir John Lyttleton to Sir Francis Willoughby dated November, 1579, in which he complains of his age and unfitness to travel, and for that reason he entreats Sir Francis to take the trouble of comming to Frankley, where he would be as wellcome as any friend, and when they were together, he hoped they might put an end to the difference between himself and his Lady, in which cause he thought nobody was so fit to deal as he, her husband, and himself, her father.

“There is another letter from Sir John Lyttleton to Sir Francis Willoughby, dated December, 1579, in which he writes that he has sent to his daughter to know what she would desire Sir F[rancis] Willoughby should allow her for maintenance; to which she had answered that she requested nothing but to be reconciled to his favour and to live with him. Sir John in this letter heartily desires Sir Francis to accept the same, but if he will not, then he desires he will consider whose wife she is, and of what family she is descended from, and accordingly proportion his allowance to her during the time of their separation. He writes that he thinks she can't have less than a gentlewoman to attend her, a nurse for her young son, a maid to help the nurse and to be laundress to them all, a boy needful about the nurse and to make his Lady's fires, and a serving man to wait upon his Lady. And for their tabling he trusts Sir Francis will allow for his wife sixteen pence a day, and for each of the servants eight pence a day, and for wages he thinks he can't

give less than fifty-three shillings and four pence a year a-piece to the woman nurse and man, and to the landress and boy twenty-six shillings and eight pence a-piece. He leaves it to Sir Francis to name what he will allow for apparel, for his wife and little son (who he prays God to bless with many happy years), and what money he will allow her for other needfull expenses. He thinks it will be also needfull for her to have a couple of geldings to use when she shall have occasion to ride.

“There are many letters from Lady Willughby to Sir Francis, in which she acknowledges herself to blame for her unhansome speeches and disrespectful carriage to him. In one she writes that she had been his wife 16 years and borne him 12 children, that he cannot accuse her of any breach of her marriage covenant, all the faults he charges her with are disrespectfull speeches, which she is sorry for, and once more she offers her humble submission to him, it being the fourth time, which she protests was first sealed with her heart before it was signed with her hand. But if he thinks this not sufficient, she desires he will set her down any other reasonable form, and he shall find her both ready to yeild to it and willing to perform it. She desires he will consider how many false stories he has given credit to, told by those who mortally hate her, as that in truth she was not with child when she left him, but only feigned herself to be so; afterwards that the child was dead, and even now that it is suborned and none of her own.

‘There are several letters which were writ by Sir Francis and Lady Willughby’s friends about this time in order to reconcile those unhappy differences which were between them; amongst which there is one from Thomas Duport, who expresses great good will to Sir Francis Willughby and his family. He writes that he knew his father Mr. Henry Willughby and Lady Ann, his mother, and also his grandfather, Sir Edward Willughby, dwelling in Dorsetshire, and also his great uncle Sir John Willughby, dwelling at Collarton, who all lived worshipfull in their calings, and he hoped yet to see himself and his Lady live happily together for the good of them both, as well as their children, who were now in a manner bereft of loving parents and good educations. He begs pardon for his rude writing, wishing to see him live in such worship and estimation as his ancestors in his knowledge had done, concluding

‘Yours to my little power.’

“There are severall letters writ by Lady Arundell about this time to her brother Sir Francis Willughby. In one she puts him in mind of taking a house against he comes to London, and tells him there is one to be had in White Freers, which

stands near the Temple, of which the half-year's rent will be six pounds; and another house is to be had in Chanon Row, which was the Controler's.

"In another letter she writes that she has sent her geldings for his coach, being glad to hear of his bringing his children to London; she writes that if he will go forward with his determination, it will make his wife's stout stomach to yeild, and he will find many friends to take his part. She advises that if his wife does not come to town, he would order her to remove out of the house and town of Kinsbury, lest she should cause some mischief to it, which he would be forced to recompence.

"There is a very long letter from Lady Willughby to Sir Francis, in which she writes that it is near two years since she had been banish'd his company and forbid his house; in which time she had suffered great travell of body and trouble of mind, wandring from place to place and depending wholly for relief upon borrowing of friends.

"There is a letter from Trussell (who seems to have been Lady Willughby's friend) to his uncle Marmion (one of Sir Francis's servants). In this letter he expresses to his uncle a great value for Sir Francis Willughby's family, and hearty concern that some caterpillers about him do eat up the branches of his good name. He writes that Lady Willughby's cause will be heard by the Earl of Leicester and Sir Francis Walsingham, and reported to the Queen.

"There is the copy of a very melancholy letter writ, I believe, about this time by Sir Francis Willughby to Sir John Lyttleton, in which he laments his misfortunes, and wishes for death, rather than to continue so vexatious a life. He writes that he is now threatened by his wife that she will complain of him to the Queen, which would be to discredit herself.

"There are many letters from Lady Arundell, which seem to have been writ about this time, to her brother, that shew a good deal of ill nature towards Lady Willughby, and one of those letters is upon a quarrell which had been between Sir Francis and the Stanhops. She dates it from the Court and writes that she hop'd they should have met and had conference together of such things as had hapned since their last being together. She had made enquiry (she writ) for the Lord Talbot's coming up, who, she had heard, was to have ended matters between himself and the Stanhops; but being to goe out of town now herself, she could not speak with him, but she wishes it were urged in this sort that they should openly acknowledg that they had abused him, and so to desire his good will, or else she would not have him end matters with them. And for that proud fool Edward

Stanhope, who made comparison to be as good as Sir F[rancis] W[illoughby], she would have his servants revenge it of him till he should be weary and glad to give over and seek his favour. She writes that their bragging and his suffering it occasions partly to his discredit.

“In this letter she says that Lady Willoughby was now at Sir Edward Sutton’s, who would give her certain knowledge of her behaviour.

“There are some letters to Sir F[rancis] Willoughby which makes Sir Thomas Stanhope appear to have been a very haughty, captious gentleman, and by the copy of a letter from Sir Francis to Sir Thomas Stanhope, I believe tho’ they were neighbours, they were not very good friends. One of the paragraphs in the letter was: ‘And whereas you desire me to be my own secretary, for that you love not embassages by servants’ pens, I have at this time satisfied your request, but to be always so far tied would be very much for me,’ etc.

“It does not appear how this quarrel with the Stanhops ended.

“There is another letter writ by Lady Arundell to Sir Francis Willoughby to persuade him to draw a catalogue of his wives faults, and send papers with it to the Secretary Walsingham and the Earl of Leicester, to prevent their interceeding with the Queen in her behalf. Here Lady Arundell reckons up faults to be noted down, viz., Lady Willoughby’s disorderly life, her watching late contrary to his liking, her keeping such company as he did mislike, her turning away Robinson out of the house at a time great matters did depend, her maintaining servants in Warwickshire which he had turned away, her reviling him to his face, her running out of the house and raising the town at Kinsbury.

“In another letter Lady Arundell writes Sir Francis Willoughby that it is bruted his wife is dead, but she believes that he finds it is her over quickness and not deadness that troubles so many. She writes that she often resorts to the Court and there talks her pleasure of her, thinking thereby to hide many of her own faults, which if she could, she was to be borne with, for the number of them was not a few, and to lye of others was no diminishing of them. Her friends (she writes) wish she would come up to answer her, but she means not to bestow her time so ill. She writes that the Lord Chancellor will be earnest with him for her to get rid of her, for she is so importunate with him that it is very troublesome.

“It does not appear how these matters in dispute between Sir Francis Willoughby and his Lady ended, but there is a writing which shows that, *An. D.* 1582, he was obliged by the Queen to allow her two hundred pounds a year for separate maintenance.

“ There is a letter from Henry Trussell, dated December, 1580, to Sir Francis Willughby, to give him an account of the death of his little son, which occasion'd great grief to all about him, but especially to the comfortless Lady, his mother, who, he writes, had been very sick ever since. He solicits Sir F[rançis] W[illoughby] to be reconciled to his Lady, concluding with a prayer that they might both forget what was past, and be inspired with perfect love for the future.

“ There is a letter from Lady Willughby to Sir Francis writ some time after this child's death, in which there is many tender expressions in relation to the family. She writes that she had lived from him till she was above forty years old, and she feared if a reconciliation could not soon be made, she should be past child-bearing, and that now, tho' she could not expect it without hazarding her life, yet she would contentedly run that hazard, with the hopes to establish the house of the Willughbys.

“ There remains no answer from Sir Francis Willughby to this letter from his Lady, but upon the death of this little son I believe he immediately resolved to marry his eldest daughter Brigit to Percivall Willoughby, the eldest son of Thomas Willoughby, of Boreplace, in Kent, whose great-grandfather was Christopher, Lord Willoughby, of Eresby, in Lincolnshire, which family of the Willoughby's I shall hereafter give an account off.

“ This Percivall Willoughby was, I believe, a youth of a tender constitution, and therefore advised while he was very young to travell. There are letters from his governour writ from France to Mr. Thomas Willoughby, which give a long account of him, chiefly in relation to his health.

“ There is a letter from Lady Arundell to Sir F[rançis] Willoughby writ about the time that the Duke of Alanson¹ left England. In this letter she says that Monsieur is at the seaside to take his journey to Flanders, where he is desired to take the government. The Lord Leicester and the Lord Hunsdon are to accompany him thither. Her Majesty with most of the Court are gone to bring him to the seaside. (Sir R. Baker says that in February, A.D. 1581-2, the Queen brought the Duke of Anjou on his way as far as Canterbury, and then commanded the Earl of Leicester, the Lords Charles Howard, Hunsdon, Sheffield, Willoughby, Windsor, Sir Philip Sidney, Sir Francis Russell, Sir George Bouchier, and some other prime knights to accompany him to Antwerp, where he was made Duke of Brabant, Limburgh and Lorrain.) And if his journey thither be no more prosperous then it hath been here, Lady Arundell judges he will make fewer hereafter. In this letter she writes that her cousin Percivall Willoughby was going into France, which she thought would doe him good. She dates her letter from

¹ Alençon

the Lord Admirall's House, Purford, but the date of the year is not put to any of Lady Arundell's letters; that of this may be known by the Duke of Alanson, who, after three months' stay in England, took his leave of it in February, A.D. 1583 [*read* 1581-2].

“There is a letter from Lady Arundell, dated from Hampton Court, to let Sir Francis Willoughby know that Pen had reported to her great likelyhood of her son's good success in learning, etc.

“There is a letter from Lady Arundell to her neece Briget Willughby to enquire if the traveller which she looked for was yet come, and in this letter she desires to know when her son Arundell meant to return (by which I believe her son went to France with Mr. Percival Willoughby). She writes that when her husband last saw Sir Francis Willughby he told him that he had once thought of sending for her and her sisters home for the summer, but he had altered his mind, thinking it unfit for them to be in his house without some woman of discretion to advise them. This made her think that when her cousin Percival did come home, they would not be sent for, and therefore she looked that they should both come and rest with her all the summer, and at Michaelmas she would bring them up to town and be at their wedding. She writes that she was likewise desirous to have her sister Dorothy and to keep her with her till she was bestowed in marriage, for she thought her house a meetter place for her then where she was, and therefore she desired her neece that when she next sent to her father, she would let him know how willing she was to have them.

“There are several letters from William Arundell to his uncle Sir Francis Willughby, complaining of hard usage from his father, which, he writes, must proceed from want of affection for him, because he never was undutiful to him. His brother's marriage, he writes, goes on very happily, with which his father is contented, and he alone remains rejected. He writes about trees (which I suppose Sir F[rancis] W[illoughby] had employ'd him to get for him), and says in his letter that those which my Lord had were given him by merchants, and that unless he were Lord Treasurer he should not have them at that price, and that the times were now so dangerous that no merchants durst venture over, but if Sir F[rancis] W[illoughby] would let him know, he would do what he would have him about getting the trees.

“There is in the library at Wollaton a book which gives an account of money raised by Sir Francis Willughby above the produce of his land, *An. D.* 1579, in which the sums totall are :

	£	s.	d.
For wood sold at Wicken, Kinsbury, etc. ..	281	0	8
For fines let	20	13	0

For iron made at Middleton which had cost

Sir Francis in geting 60*l.* 0*s.* 5*d.* received 752 12 6
 And for coal sold from *An. D.* 1576 to A.D. 1580 1652 17 10

“ There is in the library at Wollaton a book of Sir Francis Willoughby’s accounts for *An. D.* 1580, which book shews that Sir Francis with ten servants set out from Wollaton upon the 2nd of November, begining a journey then towards London. This book is very particular in the account of his expences upon this journey, viz., that at Packington he spent 13*s.* 4*d.*, that the next day at Daintry he paid for supper, breakfast, and for horse meat 3*l.* 7*s.* By this account he lay the second night at Brickhill; there is set down the particulars of his expences there, which for supper, breakfast and horse meat in all comes to 3*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.* There is also set down the particular account of what he spent at St. Albans, for supper, breakfast and for horse meat, the sum of which was 3*l.* 11*s.* 2*d.*

“ This book does not tell where he rested by the way upon this journey, but shows that he did not get to London till Friday, November the 8th, and that he with only one man supped at Mr. Thomas Willoughby’s house. There is set down in this book for the supper that night for eleven of Sir Francis Willoughby’s men, and three carters, and for Mr. Fisher and three men paid at the White Hart in Holbourn the sum of 11*s.* 8*d.* This book shows that November the 9th, being the next day, Sir Francis Willoughby began to keep house in Lincoln’s Inn Grange, the particulars of that day’s dinner is set down, and that thirty-four persons dined with Sir Francis; the sum of that day’s expences was 1*l.* 8*s.* 11*d.* And that the next day forty-eight persons dined with Sir F[ran]cis] W[illoughby], and forty-two persons supped with him. Every dish of meat is there set down and what it cost; the whol sum for diner and supper was 2*l.* 16*s.* 11*d.* Thus particular each day’s expence in London is set down in that book from November the 8th till the 30th. That day Sir Francis went into Kent to the wedding of his daughter Brigit.

“ There is set down in this book of accounts paid for Mrs. Brigit Willoughby’s wedding apparel, as by the bills at large may appear, 156*l.* 18*s.* 9*d.*, and paid to Mr. Thomas Willoughby in part of wedding goods, 500*l.* Paid to Mr. Repington for drawing books between Sir Francis Willoughby and Mr. Thomas Willoughby, 2*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, and paid his man for engrossing them, 1*l.* Given to Mrs. Brigit Willoughby, two pounds; and to her taylor for going three times into Kent and mending the gown, ten shillings. Given to the trumpeter going into Kent, six shillings and eight pence. Given to the butler at Boreplace, 6*s.*; to the yeoman of the celler, six shillings; to the cook, ten shillings; to the chamberlain, four shillings; to the pantler, three shillings; to the usher of the hall, three shillings; to the servant that helped to dress the horses, one shilling; and given to a pursuivant, 6*s.* 8*d.*

“ This book shews that Sir Francis stayed at Boreplace till the 6th of December, and that he came that night to London and stayed there till the 17th. The particulars of every dinner and supper and the number of people that dined with him every day is set down in this book during the time which he stayed in London. This book also shews that December the 17th he lay at St. Albans, and that his supper, breakfast and horse meat came to 4*l.* 6*s.* 10*d.* His expenses upon this journey at Northampton, Harborough and Leicester is also set down in this book.

“ There is another book of accounts for A.D. 1584 which shows the particulars of Sir Francis Willoughby's weekly expenses that whole year, which in all amounted to the sum of 1,847*l.* 1*s.* 3½*d.* There is set down that year for two butts of sack, 22*l.* 10*s.* . . .

“ There are many letters from Mr. Percivall Willoughby to his Lady, both before and after their marriage, severall of which are so torn as to be hardly legible. In one he writes that his pen is insufficient to express his joy to receive a letter writ with her own hand, the pattern whereof he tenderly harbour'd in his heart, but he is amazed to see her term him a master to her, whom in heart he honours, in duty reverences, in love and loyalty faithfull serves and obeys, in all entire affection is most carefully tender; and of whom he always desired, and to his power deserved, if not to be entertained as a faithfull friend and servant, at least to be retained as a well willer, remaining in her power and pleasure to be comanded, etc.

“ He writes that ‘ we unadvisedly sowing the seeds of our joys [are] altogether ignorant when to make our harvest. Delays, my only dear, breeds danger, and doubtfull minds suspect the worst, yet doubt you not of this that I love and live to be only yours. Some think it an ease to have a partner in their grief, but sorry should I be to have thee partaker of my sorrows; I wish thee part of all my joys, but in grief I would suffer alone.

“ ‘ My letters should be longer, good heart, if business did not force me to make them short, but tho' my hands faint, my heart shall never fail, tho' pen and paper wast, my love and liking shall increase, and albeit my ink freese for cold, my good will in fervency shall fry. So long as life shall last or you with like affection vouchsafe to blow the coles of my hot desire, I crave only that thou believe, try and trust me. I heartily thank you for the mirth in your letter, and am sorry my melancholy mood will not suffer me to be as merry with you. Wherefore till I am better disposed, my dear, adieu.

His own never, if not yours ever,

Per. Willoughby.'

“ Another letter he begins thus :

‘ My best beloved Black,

I have used all means possible for your coming to town, but can't prevail. Your father doubts if you were here you would either see your mother, or your mother see you, which he in no case would while he is in town, otherwise our marriage had been here, etc. I pray send up the measure of your finger for your wedding ring, etc.

Yours only,

Per. Willoughby.’

“ I believe Mr. Percivall Willoughby and his Lady were both very young when they married, and that it might be intended by both their fathers that Mr. Percivall Willoughby should travel the spring after they were married.

“ There is a letter from Mrs. Willoughby, dated from Boreplace, in Kent, to her father, Sir Francis, full of expressions of great duty and respect to him, and of distrust of her own being able to indict a letter to him as she ought, her small skill and little use of writing she hopes will make him excuse this her first letter.

“ She writes that she is very well used by her father and mother-in-law, and her cousins, for which she desires when he sees her father-in-law he will return thanks.

“ She writes that Mr. Percivall is now upon beginning his travels, which she prays God to prosper, and grant him well to return, and begs Sir Francis will not forget him in his absence. Her aunt Arundell is now at the Lord Lincoln's.

“ This letter bears no date, but Sir Francis Willoughby's answer to it is dated March, *An. D.* 1581[-2]. He writes that he is glad to hear she is so well used by Sir Percivall's relations, but of that he was always well assured, and to continue it must be her own care, for 'tis not beauty nor fortune but good qualities and a virtuous disposition which makes a gentlewoman esteemed; therefore 'tis her good behaviour that must gain her own credit. He desires she will learn by others in time (she may guess who he means) to be wise and not repent too late. That now at first entrance she should frame herself a dutiful wife, and that she should take care to be in deed such a woman as she desired to be esteemed, and thus she might encrease and long enjoy her friends, in order to which two things were needful, serving God and knowing herself. He bids her therefore serve God first in the morning and last at night with earnest affection, even from the heart, and not for custome sake. Next he bids her know herself, what is and what is not fit to be done, that she may follow the good and refuse the evell; he bids her be carefull to keep good company, because ill company soon infects those that are well inclined, etc.

“ There is the copy of a very affectionate and respectfull answer from Mrs. Willoughby to this letter from Sir Francis, her father; in it she returns him many thanks for his

fatherly counsel to her, which (she writes) she will endeavour to follow. She thanks God that she is placed amongst good company, honest and well disposed people, who show themselves very friendly to her. Her duty to her husband she will unfeignedly be carefull to perform, having the example of others seldom out of her mind, and cause to learn to be wise by other's harms.

“She writes that the week before she had a letter from her husband, who was going to Geneva; at his departure (she writes) that he told her he would gladly hear by letter from Sir Francis what he would have him chiefly labour to learn in his travells, and he had writ to him to that purpose.

“The copy of a letter from Mr. Percivall Willoughby to his Lady before he went to travell.

“Hard's the hap that some men have, and who is born under an unlucky planet must seldom or never look for good fortune. . . . To you I have linked my liking and liberty, plighted my faith and troth, and yielded myself to your courtesy and subjection, all which how inwardly you esteem'd I know not, but outwardly it rather seems to be rejected then accepted, the greater is my grief and the more in silence do I sorrow, etc. . . . Might I be privy to your fancies, I would frame myself to your fashions, etc. . . . Little I know I do deserve and less I desire. My suite and service I confess not to be much, and yet such as if any of them might please you, there should be no want in me, but, alas! how may I please when I must not know what breeds your displeasure; you utterly estrange yourself and your discontents from me, and rather shew me your tears then impart the cause. . . . Words may slip unawares from me or be taken wrong, but would you friendly and freely impart your mind to me I would as willingly mend what were amiss, as I am sorry I should offend there where I love most, for whom and to whom I only live and care, and in whose joys I repose my greatest felicity. But if you shall secretly sorrow before me and feed me only with lowering looks, as one not able for sorrow to endure the sight of it, I shall be constrained to forsake both my friends and country till such time as I shall certainly both hear and believe you to be more affectionate to him who loves you best. Thus not knowing when again to see you, and finding you unwilling to speak to me, I have used this for want of conference as my last and best farewell, desiring you (what misery soever I endure) to think of me as I am, that is yours, and only yours.

“O sorrow must my senses tast,
Which once did swim in bliss,
Sithe fortune hath me tied so fast
And bids me leave to wish,
The silly ship, wherein I sailed
And past from place to place,

At anchor tied must still abide,
 Thus alter'd is my case.
 The wandring wings of my free-will
 Are clipped to my pain,
 And in that plight to take my flight
 I labour all in vain.
 The pleasant winds are all now ceas'd
 Which——¹
 But seas of sorrow are increas'd,
 Which beat against my boat.
 Such heavie hap is him bequeath'd
 Which sought a place of joy,
 But now of solace quite bereaved
 Is harbor'd in annoye.

More faithful then fancied,
 Per. Willoughby.'

“The copy of a letter from Mr. Percivall Willoughby to his Lady when he was abroad.

“My Dear. The only solace of my solitary mind, if the thoughts thereof had not continual recourse to thee, my pensive passions would set my heart afloat to all kind of sorrows, and so still languishing I should both see and suffer a daily pain, and in a short time my all and finall confusion. The only comfort which now I receive since parting causes me to judg of my past happyness, when I did enjoy thee being present, and now in absence worthily to esteem the greatness of so great a pleasure by wanting it.

“Pardon me, I pray thee, in that so rashly I went from thee, and condemn me not of discourtisie. The penance which I suffer may seem sufficient for such a fault, and the little ease which as yet I receive in my journey (whenever I return) will learn me so much wit as to think myself well when I am well. The case, good heart, is so much altered with me, to come from my friends and all that's dear to those I know not, a people which I understand not, and who when they speak most friendly mean least good, their meat and kind of dressing I rather loath then like, their drink being wine, I can't away with. Thus lead I a life full of discontent, both in body and mind, so that perswade thy self though I can't make any greater place for thee in my heart then I have done, I shall both love and like my country far better, in the mean time, however, I doe. Make thou thy self happy as thou mayst, and so, sweet soul, my love and life is only thine.

[*Sketch of heart transfixed with darts.*]

Percivall Willoughby.'

“It does not appear in what year Mr. Percivall Willoughby was knighted, and therefore from this time I shall call him

¹ No explanation of this blank is given.

Sir.¹ While he was at Lyons he took a French gentleman to teach him Italian, who was, I believe, a very proud, haughty person; his name was Francis Conrados. This servant Sir Percivall seems to have been very kind to, and there is an account that at his first coming to Wollaton he desired Sir Francis would give him leave to eat at his own table, and that he would have had Marmion's chamber for him, but that Sir Francis would not grant, but I think he had Cludd's chamber. Marmion and Cludd were two of Sir Francis Willughby's favourite servants. Marmion was an ill man, as appears from his endeavour to asperse his Lady, and cause the separation which was between Sir Francis and his Lady. 'Tis likely Cludd, too, might have been in that cabal, because when Sir Francis left his Lady at Coventry, in February, 1578[-9], Henry Dracot and T. Cludd were the two servants which he trusted with the care of his family, and who must have been the chief which Lady Willughby writ to complain off to Sir Francis; in which letter she says that after he was gone to London the servants dealt so cruelly with her that she was not able to bear it.

“These, and I believe many more of Sir Francis's servants had very little regard to the interest of their master or his family, but made it their chief care to enrich themselves, which, I believe, they found more easie for them to doe when Sir Francis lived by himself then when his Lady or any of his children lived with him. And therefore 'tis very likely that they might resolve when Sir Percivall came to live at Wollaton, that they would make Sir Francis uneasie with him as soon as they could, and so make them part again. This unlucky request which Sir Percivall made in behalf of Conrados, his man, gave them but too good an opportunity to put in practice what I believe they might resolve by any means to bring to pass; there are letters which shew that Marmion and Cludd were both extremely angry at Sir Percivall's asking for their chambers for his French man, and Conrados, trusting to his master's kindness for him, did, I believe, carry himself very insolently in the family, for it appears that pretty soon after Sir Percivall came to Wollaton there grow very great discontent and uneasiness amongst Sir Francis's servants.

“There is a letter from Mr. Thomas Willoughby to his son, Sir Percivall, dated April the 14th, 1584. In this letter he advises his son to be carefull how he meddled in the differences amongst Sir Francis's servants, because if he took part with the one that would make the other his enemy.

“This advice I believe Sir Percivall followed. I also believe that he soon grew uneasie at the haughty carriage of his man Conrados, and repented that he had not at his first bringing

¹ In a note the authoress adds: “Since the writing of this book I have found that Sir Percivall Willoughby was knighted by King James the First in Middleton Hall *An. D.* 1603, and that I have here given him the title of knighthood twenty years too soon.”

him to Wollaton kept him to a more humble and respectful behaviour towards Sir Francis's servants, whose quarrells amongst themselves and their dislike to Conrados gave him so much trouble that he soon found it would be necessary for him to part with Conrados in order to make himself more easie. Conrados had great expectations from his master's kindness to him, and finding that he was to be turned out of his service, and that Sir Percivall would take no farther care for him, he turned so base a villain to his master (as appears by letters and old papers in the library) that he joyned in confedracie with Marmion and Cludd, before they parted, to render Sir Percivall as odious as was possible to Sir Francis, by reporting scandalous stories of their own making to Sir Francis of Sir Percivall.

"Marmion and Cludd, I believe, had long been striving to make Sir Francis believe that Sir Percivall only courted and respected him till he could get his estate made secure to him, and that whenever he did settle that upon him, he would find that Sir Percivall had very little regard for him, and that self interest was the only cause of his good behaviour to him now.

"These wicked servants found Conrados a proper tool for them to work by, and as soon as he was gone away from his master, they had contrived a letter for Conrados to write to upbraid Sir Percivall for his breach of promise in turning him away as he had done. In this letter Conrados enlarged upon his own faithfull services, and blamed his master's ingratitude to him, and then accused his master for being guilty of many ill actions, and in that letter told him of many disrespectful words which he had spoke of Sir Francis, and that he had threatned that if he could but get Sir Francis Willughby's estate made secure to himself Sir Francis should not live long after. Much more to this effect there is in this letter concerning Sir Francis, and in it he also accuses his master of saying many reflecting things of Sir Francis's Lady.

"This letter (of which a copy now remains in the library at Wollaton) was contrived by Sir Francis's servants to be given to Sir Francis instead of Sir Percivall. Sir Francis receiving the letter read it, and never suspecting the designs which those villains had upon him, believed all that which Conrados had writ was true of Sir Percivall. 'Tis easy to believe that Sir Francis was highly provoked by such treatment from his son Percivall, who till then he had used with a fatherly kindness. And there are many letters which show that Sir Percivall suffered under excessive grief for being thus slandered, and not able to make his innocence appear.

"There is a letter from Mr. Thomas Willoughby to his son Sir Percivall, dated March the 24th, 1585[-6], writ, I believe, upon his first hearing of Conrados's accusation against his master, by a letter from Sir Francis to him.

“ In this letter Mr. Thomas Willoughby blames his son’s behaviour and want of wisdom, if he had ever had any such discourse with his man Conrados as his enemies make appear. He desires him to take heed, and not seek to revenge himself, which might disquiet Sir Francis, but to endeavour to purge himself from this pretended infamy by all honest means. He writes that the letter which he received from Sir Francis was opened before it came to him, and that he hears there is a copy of that infamous letter come to Lady Willoughby’s hands, who for the goodwill she bears him will suffer nobody to have a copy of it, but reads the letter herself to all that come to her. Mr. Willoughby writes that he heard Mr. Thomas Markham gave Lady Willoughby the copy of the letter, and that he had caused Francis Conrados to justify the letter before the Lord Talbot.

“ Old Markham hated Sir Percivall because he had opposed the match between his son and Margaret Willoughby, the treaty whereof I shall hereafter give an account of.

“ There is a letter from Mr. John Adams to his brother Sir Percivall, dated from Boreplace, August the 24. In this letter he begs Sir Percivall will not hazard himself with Markham, but rather bear the tempestuous rage of so foolish a storm. He writ that Markham’s first plot was upon his reputation, which in the end would turn to his own discredit, but now that he seeks his life, he begs he will trust to himself and other friends to revenge the quarrel. He desires Sir Percivall to consider that he is a married man and that the propagation (*sic*) of two honourable houses rests in him, etc.

“ There is another letter from Mr. John Adams to his brother Sir Percivall, dated *An. D.* 1587, to let him know that he had heard that his drawing upon Markham by the Lord Chancellor’s house was taken very hainously, and therefore he thought it would be well for his cousin Robert Willoughby and his father to viset the Lord Chancellor and open the whole cause thereof to him.

“ By some of the old letters it appears that Markham had concerned himself very much in the affair between Sir Percivall and his servant Conrados ; which Sir Francis took so ill from him that he gave that for one reason why he was against marrying his daughter to him, saying the dislike which he had to Sir Percivall upon a light French report, the author infamous and of no credit, might cause a division amongst his children.

“ There are several letters from Mr. Willoughby to his son Sir Percivall, which shew that he took great pains to discover and lay open Conrados’s knavery, and also to justify his son and make his innocency apparant, and also letters to comfort his son, who (by the account of that affair) appears to have suffered under extream affliction for being thus aspersed, and not able to clear himself.

“ In one of his letters he tells Sir Percivall that he did before admonish him that no means would be wanting to

discredit him to Sir Francis, and to lessen his character in the world, but now he desired he would ease his mind by considering that this sort of dealing had been usual in all ages, and that at length shame would be the reward of such infamy, for time would hear truth. He advised him and his good wife with all reverence to serve God, and to neglect no duty to Sir Francis, whose honest nature would, he doubted not, in time be cleared from false suggestions and abuses. Wherefore, not respecting worldly advancement, his prayer for him was that God would give him a contented mind amidst such broiles as this world was pestered with.

“There is a droling letter from John Pickerell to Sir Percivall, in which he writes that he had daily expected to hear of his death and destruction, and to have seen his final end upon Nottingham gallows, for the fancyed murder of Sir Francis Willoughby, which he believed had rather been intended by his accusers then ever thought of by himself. He desires Sir Percivall not to grieve, but remember whence he is, and despise such false hearted foes. He advised him to shake off his melancholy, and to spend his patrimony in the defence of his reputation, and God would be his buckler.

“There is a letter from Mr. Willoughby to his son Sir Percivall to let him know that he had been three times with the villain Francis Conrados, and that he had sent to tell him that if he would give him forty pounds he would justifie his master to Sir Francis Willoughby, and confess the whole truth; which was that Blyth, Marmion and Clud had set him on, so to defame his master. Clud, he said, was the greatest knave, and had given him money and promised him more. In answer to this, Mr. Willoughby told him he should have such a reward as his villainy deserved. In this letter Mr. Willoughby tells his son that he has writ this account of Conrados at large to Sir Francis.

“There is a letter from Mr. Willoughby to his son Sir Percivall, dated June the 9th, 1585, in which he writes that Sir Francis Willoughby's Lady and he are grown to great friends, that she opens all her griefs to him, of Marmion, Clud, etc.

“There is another letter from Mr. Willoughby to his son Sir Percivall Willoughby, dated *An. D.* 1585, in which he advises his son to live more thriftily; he desires him to consider the expence which he has been at for him already, and writes that he must raise fortunes for his brothers and sisters, but lets Sir Percivall know that he has sent him such linnin as he can spare, and a silver salt. In that letter he writes that Sir Francis is so followed by Markham, Fisher, Cludd and Marmion, that he hardly does any thing without them.

“ I could find no account how or when Sir Francis was reconciled to Sir Percivall, but by many letters from Thomas Markham and copys of Sir Francis Willoughby’s answers, *An. D.* 1586 and 1587, it appears that Sir Francis and Sir Percivall were then good friends.

“ There are no papers which shew what part Sir Francis Willoughby’s lady took in this troublesome affair. But by what Mr. Thomas Willoughby writ his son Percivall of her, viz. that she had a copy of Conrados’ letter, which she read to all that came to her, one may believe she took no pains to doe him justice.

“ There are letters which shew that this Lady Willoughby spent part of the time she lived from her husband at Hogsden,¹ and that while she was there her daughter Brigit Willoughby was in London, and never went or sent to see her mother.

“ There is a letter from Sir Percivall to Lady Willoughby to excuse his wife on that account, to which letter there is Lady Willoughby’s answer, dated May the 18th, 1584, in which she writes that she does not think him answerable for his wives faults, and that if in forgetting her duty to her she had contented any other (I believe meaning Sir F[rancis] W[illoughby]), it was well done, and she was content to make a virtue of necessity, trusting hereafter to have more comfort of her. In this letter she assures Sir Percivall that her only hopes was in him that he would do his best to reconcile her husband and herself, which was the only thing she wished in this world.

“ There is a letter in the library at Wollaton which was writ by this Lady Willoughby to her husband in December, *An. D.* 1585. The letter was to this effect: that notwithstanding the manifold wrongs and wants which she had sustained for the space of seven years past and the just cause she had to hate those who by their leud and false reports had been the contrivers thereof, yet she solemnly protested that she heartily forgave them. She returned him her humble thanks for vouchsafing her his company and conference; a happy entrance, she hoped, to a full and perfect reconciliation betwixt them; to which as on her part she should in all good and convenient sort be directed by him, so she trusted he would hold her excusable if, by the advice of her good and wise friends, she should refuse to enter into hard conditions, which she does not believe could come from his own disposition but from the malice of those who have laboured all they can to keep them a sunder, of which she could name many, but would only mention one who, fearing a likelihood of their comming together and finding false reports to him of her took not the effect he expected, like a cunning woodman changes

¹ Hoxton, co. Middlesex.

his course and under colour of friendship to her would insinuate that Sir Francis went about to sue a divorce between them, for which purpose certain fellows had undertaken to find out a supposed child, which suspicion had been bruted greatly to her discredit, whereas if it had pleased him at first when this slanderous report was brought to him to have called her to answer for herself, his mind might have been better satisfied and her reputation not so much impaired, in defence whereof she still stands, and will to her dying day, in defiance of any villain or verlett that shall impeach it. In this letter she offers to come from London if he will send for her and receive her again into his house with his first favour as his honest and lawfull wife. She prays for his health and long life, and desires he will give to her poor children the fruitless blessing of their unfortunate mother.

“There is a letter from Lady Arundell to Sir Francis Willoughby, which seems to have been writ about this time and is to that effect :

“ ‘Methinks the time long now since I either saw you or heard from you, and therefore I could not pass so good an occasion of sending as I now have, that thereby I might learn in how good state of health both you and yours now are, which in myself I feel so to decay, as it maketh me more mindfull to enquire of the state of my friends, etc. I pray let me know how well your purchase and your building goe forward, which you have in hand ; they both together seem to me great matters to goe forward at one time. From the Court, February the 14th.’

“The building which Lady Arundell means was, I believe, Wollaton new house. The old hall was built near the church. What now remains of that old building is turned into three or four farm houses, of which one is about a quarter of a mile from the rest, which was the dairy house to the old hall. The new house is placed upon a hill about half a mile from the old hall, from whence there is a very noble prospect of the country round it. One side of the house looks upon the castle and town of Nottingham ; from another there is a fine view of Clifton House and gardens, the seat of Sir Gervas Clifton ; from the other sides of the house there is the prospect of several houses and little villages, and each corner and middle of the house pretty near point to churches that are about two or three miles off. The house itself is a very noble pile of building, but it being less easie to describe it by writing then by drawing, I design to place at the end of this book a draught and a plan of it, and shall therefore only mention here that Sir Francis Willoughby began this building, A.D. 1580, and finished it A.D. 1588. The master workmen which built the house he sent for out of Italy, as also most of the stone figures which adorn the house. All the stone

which it is built with was brought from Ancaster in Lincolnshire by the people who dwelt there, and who exchanged their stone with Sir Francis for his coal, which they carried back from Wollaton. But notwithstanding the stone and its carriage cost nothing but the return of coal which Sir Francis made for it, and that at that time labourers' wages was very small, yet it appears by a very particular account of the building, which still remains in the library, that the building of that house cost Sir Francis Willughby four-score thousand pounds.¹

“In this year, A.D. 1587, Sir Francis Willughby married his second daughter Dorothy to Henry Hastings, the son of George, the younger brother of Henry, Earl of Huntyngdon. There are a great many letters from that Earl (who spells his name Huntyngdon) to Sir Francis, concerning this match, part of which I shall copy in the account which I shall hereafter give of this Dorothy Willughby and her four younger sisters.

“There is the copy of a letter writ by Sir Francis to this Earl of Huntyngdon to excuse himself for not keeping their wedding at his house, nor desiring that the young couple should stay with him till Michealmas, because, by reason of his wives absence and the furniture of his house being much decayed, he had not designed to keep house this year, and therefore had not made such provision of corn and cattle and other necessaries as would be needfull for him to discharge himself with credit to such an assembly, and therefore he hoped Lord Huntyngdon would hold him excused for their continuance with him after the wedding.

“This copy of a letter is not dated, but another, which is writ upon the same sheet of paper, and I believe at the same time, is dated June, 1587, which makes me believe they were married about that time.

“Wollaton new house was not finished till the year after this, and it is likely Sir F[rancis] Willughby did not care to buy any new furniture till he went into that house.

“There are other letters in the library at Wollaton which show that that summer, *An. D.* 1587, Sir Francis Willughby married his third daughter Margaret to Robert Spencer, of Wormleighton, in Warwickshire, descended from the ancient barons of that name, which Robert, being a person of a great estate, was by Letters Patent (bearing date July the 21st, the first of King James) advanced to the dignity of a baron of this realm by the title of Lord Spencer of Wormleighton. The ceremony of his creation was performed at Hampton Court, and soon after he was sent to the Duke of Wirtenburgh

¹ This account has not been found. The figures given represent in the money value of the time an enormous sum. There is probably some mistake either in the figures themselves or in overlooking other things in the account. Part of the building accounts are noticed at p. 452, above.

with the ensigns of the Most Noble Order of the Garter. From this Robert Spencer and Margaret, his Lady, the present Earl of Sunderland is descended.

“There are in the library at Wollaton several letters and papers which were writ *An. D.* 1588 that shew there was a very villainous design carried on by one Payne, a servant of Sir Francis Willughby’s, to render him suspected by the Queen and Counsel of joining with the Spaniard[s] at the time of their invasion, and a copy of articles exhibited in Her Majesties behalf by this Robert Payne against Sir Francis Willughby to the Lords of her Privie Counsel, whereby he would maliciously have made it appear that Sir Francis Willughby was in the Spanish interest, that he had plotted with severall priests to aid and assist the Spaniards in their intended invasion, that he had hindred the firing of the beacons to give the people notice of their danger. That he had made a deed of gift of his estate, which Payne said he believed was done in order to defraud Her Majesty, if any concealment of treason should be found against him. That for fear of Payne’s discovering all this, Sir Francis had endeavoured to get him murdered, and that he had corrupted Payne’s counsel so that he could not prosecute him in the Star Chamber, and therefore he petition’d the Privie Counsel, in behalf of the Queen against Sir Francis Willughby, laying before them these articles of accusation against him.

“There is no account how this matter ended, nor what became of Payne, but I am apt to believe Sir Francis would not let him go unpunished. And it appears that one of our family, viz., Sir Ambrose Willoughby, was one of those gentlemen who at their own charges hired ships to joyn the English Admiral in order to encounter the Spanish Armada. This Sir R. Bacon¹ gives an account of.

“There is a letter from Mr. John Adams to his brother-in-law Sir Percivall Willoughby, dated June 15th, 1588, in which he writes that he heard Sir Francis was sent for up by a pursivant to appear before the Lord Chancellor.

“It appears by many of the old papers that there was about this time a great scarcity of money in England, and that Sir Francis Willughby, by his building, and in the midst of that marrying two of his daughters, had run himself in debt, and that he often employed Sir Percivall and Mr. Thomas Willoughby, his father, to borrow money for him and to be bound with him for it.

“There is a letter from Edward Willoughby to his brother Sir Percivall, dated November, 1588, in which he writes that money grows every day scantier than other, and that those that have money stick not to ask twenty in the hundred for it, and that such are men’s wants that rather than they will go without it they daily give it.

¹ Sir Richard Baker’s *Chronicle*, 1653, p. 544.

“ In this letter he tells this story of Alderman Catcher and Alderman Skinner, that they were both by order of the Privie Counsel committed to the Fleet for whipping two gentlewomen in Bridewell as common whores,¹ and it was supposed it would cost them 2,000*l.* before they got out. The Queen taking the matter hardly against them, their fine was like to be the greater.

“ One of these gentlewomen was wife to him that sue'd to be Lord Latimer, and the other was Captain Nuname's wife.

“ There is the copy of a very angry letter from Lady Willoughby to this Alderman Catcher, who, I believe, had writ to her in behalf of Sir Percivall, at a time when she had a quarrel with him, which, I believe, hapned very soon after she was reconciled to Sir Francis, her husband.

The copy of part of that letter from Lady Willoughby to Alderman Catcher.

“ You causlessly condemn me of unkindness to Percivall Willoughby. I will forbear to repeat his unfriendly behaviour, because I will not disclose his faults to a babling fool. Expecting no better than the worst you can practice, I stay my own trouble, and stay you your tongue, for albeit I am fatherless, I am not husbandless nor friendless, but

A dispiser of vain fools,

Eliz. Willoughby.'

“ There is a letter from Edward Willoughby to his brother Sir Percivall, dated from Boreplace, December, 1588, in which letter he desires Sir Percivall will have a care of old Spencer and his cousin Robert, who he believes have some ill design against him; and writes that they now labour to bring Lady Willoughby to live with Sir Francis.

“ There is another letter writ the same month from Edward Willoughby to his brother Sir Percivall to let him know that Lady Willoughby now speaks marvilous well of him, and that she had told him her son-in-law Spencer had been with her, and told her that Sir Francis Willoughby was a most wise man for not disposing of his land in his own life time, and for his part if Sir Francis should dye, he would keep possession of one of the turrets of the new house. Spencer also told her that Sir Percivall kept his wife from viseting her, to which she had answered that she could not believe that, because P[ercivall] W[illoughby] had told her that his wife should come to her whenever she pleased; to which she said Spencer answer'd that Sir Percivall could afford her little if he could not afford her fair words.

“ I believe at this time while Sir Percivall might be in London with Sir Francis Willoughby and his Lady, my grandfather was born. For there is a very affectionate letter

¹ See the letter of John Adams to Percival Willoughby, p.158, above.

writ by Sir Percivall to his Lady, dated from London *An. D.* 1588, to congratulate her upon the birth of her son. He stiles her his best beloved, and writes that upon the news her mother was sadly out of humour, and vented her anger upon her maids. But Sir Francis seemed to be very glad, tho' as yet he would doe nothing for the child, and was every day in a thousand minds what to doe with his estate. He expresses great concern for his leaving her, and promises not to be so long absent from her again, writing that if Sir Francis had not promised him as he was a Christian to see him satisfied, he should not have stayed from her with such grief and vexation of mind as he had now done. He desired she would cherish and content herself, and prayed God to send their son happier days then his parents.

“There is a very angry letter from Lady Willughby to her son Percivall, which is not dated, but I believe might be writ about this time. In this letter she tells him that she marvels much he dares be so saucy to medle where he had so little thanks, and that he came for no other end but to cozen Sir Francis of his money, and to tell him lyes and tales, but it were good for him to get home in time for fear of afterclaps, and say he had fair warning. ‘I will not vouchsafe my name at this time, because if thou can’st not guess right, thou may’st goe shoot at rovers this fair weather with thy silence keeper.’

“There is a letter from Lady Willughby to her husband, Sir Francis, dated from the Grange, July, 1589, full of complaints against his servants. Those who he most trusted, she writes, were not faithfull to him; one of them was a near kinsman to the Lord Huntyngdon and prevented his selling his western land, out of regard to his young Mrs., their daughter. She writes that she desires he will conceal this till she comes down (which she hopes will be quickly), and then she will let him understand such a plot of knavery amongst his own men as she believed was never used towards so good a master as he had been to them. She desires in this letter that he will keep his son Hastyns out of the mess till she has spoke with him.

“In this year, A.D. 1589, there is an account of Lady Willughby’s going to London for the recovery of her health. There are in the library severall very kind and submissive letters writ by her to Sir Francis while she stayed in town.

“In one, dated November, 1589, she tels him that their daughter was delivered of a girle, and writes that she had been to try her brother Willoughby’s house in London, which she did not think fit for them to be in, the furniture was so mean that she was fain to have all her own found, and besides the house was so cold that in winter she could not be able to endure it. She beseeched him to have a care of her health,

for tho' she must bear that, he would the charge of her sickness; but what was his will she would willingly obey. She writ that she marveled his charges should arise to ten pounds a week since her comming away; before, when things were dearer, at the most their weekly expences was but eight pounds. She writ[e]s that she leaves him to judg if his charges has not been lessen'd since her comming home. She desires in this letter that her coach-horses may be sent to fetch her home again.

"In another letter Lady Willughby tells Sir Francis that she has found but little benefit by her medicines, tho' her phisicians spare neither his purse nor their own pains, tho' she writes they take but twenty shillings a day, and come twice for it.

"There is a very kind letter from Lady Willughby to her daughter Bridget, dated *An. D.* 1592, in which she offers them the Chantry to dwell in, which if she and Sir Percivall approves off, she will have the house repaired, and they shall have the keeping of twenty cows and Sir P[ercivall] W[illoughby]'s geldings, which (by her manner of writing) she thought would be better for them than to continue at Middleton.

"There are also very kind letters from Lady Willughby to her daughter Bridget, *An. D.* 1593, who was then big with child. In one she mentions sending her wine, etc., and desires B[ridget] W[illoughby] will not make strange of any thing which she can pleasure her withall, but believe the more bold she is the more she shall think she loves her.

"There are several letters from Lady Willughby to her son Percivall, some very kind, and others the reverse of them.

"In one letter to him she complains that when she was absent from her husband and in want, her other sons-in-law often remembred her with many good things, but he never sent her any thing, nor lent her a groat.

"In a letter, *An. D.* 1593, Lady Willughby desires her son Percivall will get for her a tunn of the best claret wine and a barrell of sack.

"There is another letter from Lady Willughby to her son Percivall, in which she promises to use her utmost endeavour to get Sir Francis's estate made secure to him, provided he would help to discharge his debts. She tells him he is too apt to take offence, and confesses she is herself to blame for sharpness of nature; but if he will trust her, she will be kind to him, and evermore friend and assist him, in which should she fail, she bids him then lay her own hand-writing to her charge.

"She prays for his good success in his business at London, and that Kinsbury may be redeemed, and hopes that he and Henry Willughby may soon come down to Wollaton to let leases and provide sumes of money to untie the many mortgages.

“ There are in the library at Wollaton many very kind letters from Sir Francis Willughby to Sir Percivall, writ from *An. D.* 1587 to *An. D.* 1593; many of those letters were writ to desire Sir Percivall would help him to money, and to desire he would be bound with him for several sums of money.

“ In one of these letters Sir Francis desires Sir Percivall will find him a chapman for Steeple Hall, for his debts grow so great that without the sail of that and some other things the interest money will eat up the profit of his revenue.

“ There is a letter from Sir Francis to Sir Percivall, dated *An. D.* 1591; to desire he would be bound with him for the sume of 1600*li.* to Thomas Peyn for the payment of 800*li.* which he was to lend to Sir Francis Willughby.

“ Sir Francis seems then to have employed Sir Percivall in all his affairs, and to approve of what he did, and gave him a writing, which was drawn up by Mr. George Lyttleton, his lady’s brother, to secure to him the inheritance of Wollaton, Cossall and Trowell and of Middleton and Kinsbury.

“ There is a letter writ by Sir Percivall Willoughby to his Lady to give her notice that her mother was then very sick, and to desire she would send her some of her preserved bar-berrys and some cherries, and to send his dog, because they wanted a dog to kill partridges for Lady Willughby; and with this letter there is the copy of a very affectionate letter, which he desired she would write to her mother.

“ There is a letter writ, I believe, about the same time to Lady Willughby by Robert Spencer, her son-in-law, dated *An. D.* 1594, in which letter he expressed great concern for her sickness, which had continued so long upon her, and which he had heard, was so extream that he doubted of her life, and that put him now upon writing plainly to her, which he hoped she would pardon, because he did it for the good of her children that were unmarried. Upon which account the world blamed her, saying that if Sir Francis and she had not come together again, they would have been as well or better bestowed then the rest of their sisters, which was very unnatural in her, and she must expect God would lay the burthen of their offences upon her if they should do otherwise then well. He himself (he writ) had made divers motions for their marrying such men of worth, both for living and behaviour, as had he had sisters of his own, he should have been glad they might have had them. But those offers she had received so contemptably that had not her extream sickness now hap-pened, he should have used no more speeches about them, but that made him write his opinion that she should now take care for them and show the world that she did not hate her own flesh. For should God call her, she might be sure Sir Francis would marry again, and then she might judg what regard would be had of her children.

“There is no account of the time when Lady Willughby dyed, but I believe it was her last sickness, and that she dyed *An. D.* 1594.

“There is a letter without date from Abigail Willughby to her sister Brigitt in which she writes that she hoped they should now have happier days, and that her father would send for her again to Wollaton to supply her mother’s place, which she found herself unfit for.

“There is a letter in the library which was writ by Sir Francis Willughby to Mr. Thomas Willughby, *An. D.* 1595, I believe soon after his Lady’s death, to borrow his house in Lincoln’s Inn Fields. To which letter there is Mr. Willoughby’s answer that he was very sorry that he could not furnish him with that house, having let a lease of some of the rooms half a year before.

“This house, I find, was often borrowed of Mr. Willoughby when he was in the country himself. In March, 1595[-6], Robert Sackeville writ a letter, which yet remains in the library, to borrow it for his wife and the Countess, etc.

“By the old papers in the library at Wollaton there is reason to believe that Sir Francis Willughby’s servants did intend to get from their master some of their Lady’s jewells after she was dead. It was a fashion at that time in very rich embroiderys upon cloaths to mix pearl upon spangles with the gold and silver. Such a sute of cloaths, I believe, this Lady had when she dyed, part of which I believe still remains in the wardrobe at Wollaton.¹ This garment was made of crimson velvet, the body of which seemed to have been richly embroadred, but that embroadry was picked off; in the skert of the gowne there was ten breadths of the velvet about a yard and half long, the bottom of which, by the marks upon the velvet, appear’d to have been embroadred about four inches deep, and also an embrodry of the same breadth had been on each side of the fore part of the skert of the gowne, the velvet was also marked quite round the skert about fourteen inches from the top, which shew’d that it had been gathered there, which made the farthingale round the hips, which old pictures shew was the dress of that time. With this gown I found in the wardrobe a muff, which was a square piece of rich embroadry, upon which there was some pearl, the other side was sables, and this muff was made to tye together with ribbons. There was also a cap richly embroadred, and two long feathers, one black and the other white, which, I believe, was to be worn with it. Such a cap this Lady Willughby’s picture is drawn with upon her head, and she is also painted in such a gowne

¹ There are several garments of this period still preserved, with others of later times, at Wollaton.

as I believe this might have been. There was also with these cloaths a frame of wire for the hair, which was to fix jewels in to ware upon the head. There was also some scolloped lace which I believe had been a ruff, and several holland head bands and quoives¹ for the head made of fine holland embrodred with silk, gold and spangles, design'd for such a dress for the head as many of Queen Anne Bullen's pictures are drawn with. There are also in the wardrobe another gowne with a farthingall skert made of black farrendon,² and laced with black and gold lace. There was also two white wrought waistcoats to be worn with petticoats, which I believe was the undress then in fashion.

“After this long digression which these old cloaths have led me into, I must return to the first sute upon which I believe the pearl might have been, and also that part of that pearl Lady Willughby might have borrowed of her daughter Brigitt, because I found a letter from her writ to Fox (who was one of Sir Francis's servants), after his Lady's death, to desire she might have such jewells returned as she had lent to the Lady her mother, viz., pearl to the value of 30*l.*, buttons of gold valued at 18*l.*, and in old gold 14*l.*, and also some other small jewells.

“In this letter she writ that Russell had worn some of the pearl since her mother's death, and she had seen some of the buttons worn, and for the old gold, her mother had most of that about her when she dyed.

“There is a letter from Sir Francis to Sir Percivall, dated April the 24, 1595, to let him know that he would have him meet him at London, and that he should bring with him the rents of Middleton, Kinsbury, and Wyken, and the accounts of the iron mills, and also he must bring with him that writing which did secure to him the inheritance of Wollaton, Cossall and Trowell, Middleton and Kinsbury.

“I could find no account of Sir Percivall's going to London at that time, and believe he might excuse it, fearing to trust Sir Francis with that writing which he had order'd him to bring.

“The old papers show that Sir Francis made but a short stay in London, and that at his return to Wollaton he sent to Sir Percivall to come from Middleton to him there, and that at this meeting at Wollaton there passed so much unkindness between the father and son that Sir Percivall went away from Wollaton upon the 23th of July, 1595, without taking any leave of Sir Francis.

¹ Coifs.

² A kind of cloth made of silk and wool or hair. The earliest quotation in the *New English Dictionary*, s.v. 'Farandine,' is in 1663, and the invention of the fabric is ascribed to c. 1630.

“ There is the copy of a letter which Sir Percivall writ soon after his return from Wollaton to Middleton to Green, who had been his friend, by pleading in his behalf to Sir Francis. In that letter he tells Green that he had been sent for in hast to Wollaton, but his entertainment was such that he stayed not long, and that hereafter he would frame himself to endure loss and disgrace with less disturbance. He desired Green because he had been an old servant, a loving friend, and a faithful peacemaker, to meet Sir Francis at Fox's, but writ that he believed his father-in-law was so resolute in his own overthrow and the utter undoing of him and his, that no good would be done.

“ It is very likely that the reason why Sir Percivall went away from Wollaton without taking leave of Sir Francis might be to avoid unkind word at their parting, but whatever the cause was, this action, together with what had before passed between them, made Sir Francis so very angry with his son Percivall that he immediately sent Russell, his steward, to London to seek him a wife. This Isley Cranewell gives Sir Percivall an account off in a letter dated from Wollaton, July the 23th, 1595, being the same day which Sir Percivall went from thence. He also writ word that the person that Russell would recommend was Mrs. Tamworth, who had been called in question for her honesty, and was separated from her husband. Russell was very quick in performing his master's orders, for there is a letter from Russell to Sir Francis, dated August, 1595, in which he writes that he had carried wedding gloves to Mr. Sutton, by which it appears that they were then married. This lady's name was Dorothey; she was the daughter of Thomas Coleby, of Graye's Inn, and the widow of John Tamworth.

“ There is a letter from one Lewes writ (I believe soon after Sir Francis was married) to Sir Percivall to advise him to comply as much as he could with Sir Francis, because his Lady had many great friends and was a woman of a great deal of wit (as her actions showed). Her mother also was a very wise woman, and was to live with them in London in a house with fifteen beds which Sir Francis had taken for them; and he now threatned that the Star Chamber should decide the difference which was between them.

“ There is a letter writ by Sir Francis Willughby and dated from Sherfield, August 29th, 1595, which orders sending a buck to Dr. Smith; and if the Lord Huntynghdon can't send him a stag from Windsor (which he believes will be hard for him to doe if the Queen comes thither), then he would have a brace of bucks sent for himself. He also ordered a pretty nagg to be found for him to give to Dr. Smith, which should have its runing at grass at Sherfield within thirty miles of London, from whence he might use bim at his pleasure; besides

that at Wollaton (he writes) that his wife needs a phisitian, and will use him if he will be contented to come to her, which he thinks he will not refuse, to pleasure her ; and Sir Michael Mollyns will bid him heartily wellcome.

“ It appears by the old papers that Sir Francis was very fond of this Lady, who, I believe, took great care to please and oblige him, and thereby soon gained an absolute power over him. They were in so much haste to marry that writings could not be drawn, but Sir Francis articted to tye severall lordships upon this Lady as a security for her jointure, which was to be 2,000 mark a year. But this Lady, liking the land tyed for her security better then the jointure, which was to have been settled upon her, took care to prevent that settlement from being made.

“ It is very likely that the servants who had made that match were entirely in that Lady’s interest, and it appears by the old papers that she, together with them, had worked up Sir Francis to such a degree of anger against Sir Percivall and his Lady that he did not care what became of them.

“ There are in the library several very unkind letters from Sir Francis to his daughter Brigit writ this year ; one very long one in justification of Fisher, and to express his anger for her carriage to him, as that in passing by Fisher he would have saluted her, but she bid him spare that courtesie for others that had a better opinion of him. Fisher (he writ) had deserved better usage from her, and Percivall Willoughby had ill requited him for the good he had done him, for if it had not been for Fisher an estate which he settled upon him would not have been settled so.

“ In this letter he also writ that her husband was grown so froward that nothing would content him but what agreed with his own humour, and he was become so imperious that he would not allow him to chuse his own friends, or to place his children where he thought best. If Percivall Willoughby thought he would bear this from him he was deceived. He would therefore have her make him understand that he should presently use Middleton House himself, and therefore they must leave it, for he would no longer permit such contrary and rebellious humours to be in his house. This letter is dated September, 1595.

“ In answer to this letter Lady Willoughby writ that her husband was not at home, and she could wish it might please him that somebody else might tell him of his dislike rather then herself ; that as for her sisters she had never heard her husband speak of their being placed, nor had she known him ever meddle with any friend of his, if they would but let him alone. And for Mr. Fisher, his own friends and kindred did not spare to report how ill he had dealt with them. Even his son Dilkes had reported that if she would have been perswaded by him and his cousin Cludd, she should have been

so basely bestowed. This she had concealed and should still, but that he was offended with her for him whom she had just cause to dislike. She desired he would not take hasty courses with her husband by the persuasions of others, but first hear what he could say for himself, and that he would not condemn her upon Mr. Fisher's reports without hearing her speak.

“Lady Willoughby was so much provoked by Mr. Fisher's ill treatment of her that at the same time that she answer'd her father's letter, she writ a very angry letter to Fisher; which he was so enraged at that he threatned to trouble her for it. Upon hearing that, she writ a letter to Sir Percivall, who was then in London, to this effect: ‘I have sent you, so near as I can remember, a copy of what I writ to Mr. Fisher, because he threatnes to call me before the Counsel;¹ but I hope there is nothing but what may be well answered if he were far better then he is, seeing it is all too true. He dealt so ill with me to my father that I could not forbear him in any thing that I knew. Come what may of it, I hope for your part, being a common enemy to us both, you will think no otherwise then well of

Yours

Brigitt Willoughby.’

“A copy of Lady Willoughby's letter to Mr. Fisher.

“‘I have received at this instant letters from my father wherein I have his displeasure for not pleasing of your worship; I am sorry he knows you no better, but I hold your tongue for no slander that is so busie in all matters, and spareth not ladys and gentlewomen of greater account then myself. Thou hast used thy pleasure in bad speeches of the Countess of Shrewsbury, of Mr. Thomas Spencer's wife, and others. Thou hast practiced dissentions betwixt my husband and me from the beginning. Thou hast set my father and him at jares, because thou mightest the better fish and enrich thyself, as you hast done, with their spoyles.

“‘Thou wouldest (being in thy house) have married me to thy cousin Clud, a poor cozening knave of my father's, that came lowsy to him, and therefore in thy heart couldest never since abide me, tho' hitherto I have concealed it.

“‘I was once before for thy pleasure and persuasions little better then hurled out of this house, being great bellied, when thou didst hope both by that means might have perished.

“‘And now again I and mine for not worshipping of thee must upon small warning goe wander, as thou thinkest, a great conquest of such a worshipfull justice as thyself, that

¹ The Privy Council.

employest all thy wits and means to doe mischief. It is well known to all the country that my father of himself never offer'd such measures to the worst servant or tenant that he had.

“‘At thy being at Middleton thou toldest me that thou camest to cross my father’s marriage, and to take that stumbling block out of my way, and yet now no man so ready to cog and desemble with them as thyself. And notwithstanding all this and much worse then this thy ordinary protestation is by the faith of an honest man. Malicious knave thou art that canst not spare poor gentlewomen and infants with thy tongue and practices; gentleman thou know’st thyself to be none, and tho’ at this instant I have no better means of revenge then a little ink and paper, let thy soul and carkes be assured to hear and tast of these injuries in other sort and terms then from and by the hands of a woman.

“‘And seeing by thy practices and theirs, to whom by oath thou art confederate with, I am like to lose my father’s favour (which was all the world to me), while I am able to speak thy treacherous knaverys shall not rest altogether concealed, and complain to my father if thou dare again.’

“The answer to this letter still remains in the library; it is dated from Packington, and writ by Mary Fisher to Lady Willoughby, and is to this purpose, viz. :

“‘That her husband had showed her her letter, so full of outrage and incivility as hardly beseemed a gentlewoman, and in which she had charged him with many things not true, as that he would have married her to Cludd when she was in his house. If Cludd had had any such dealing with her, she was sure it was unknown to Mr. Fisher, but it was well known that while she was in their house, Mr. Henry Willoughby (then living) did practice both with Cludd and Dracot to have stole her away and married her; and that she had received a letter from Henry Willoughby to that effect herself and divers others could witness; and also that Mr. Fisher fell out with them for offering such practices in his house. Sir Francis Willoughby, being then in treaty with Sir Percivall Willoughby’s friends, this her husband had made Sir Francis acquainted with, but had he concealed it, she had not then been Sir Percivall’s wife.’

“In this letter she used many angry expressions not behind hand with Lady Willoughby’s and asserted her husband’s innocency of doing any ill offices between herself Sir Percivall and Sir Francis, but the contrary which she had ill requited him for.

“And whereas she threatned his carcas and bid him complain to her father if he durst, should any peril fall on Mr. Fisher, her untemperate letter would be a good testimony from whose malice his evil came.

“ There are severall very unkind letters from Sir Francis to Sir Percivall, dated from Sherfield and from Wollaton in September and October, 1595; some full of threatnings to force him from Middleton, others angry ones that he does not vouchsafe to answer his letters, and in one of his letters to Lady Willoughby he writes thus: ‘ Belike you learn these ill tempers of your husband, whose base account of me is such as he disdaineth to answer any letter of mine. Tell him from me that if a man write to his better, if he answer it, it is curtesie; if to his equall, duty; but if to his inferiour, the not answering it is ill manners.’ ”

“ There is a letter from Edward Willoughby to his brother Sir Percivall, dated August, 1595, to let him know that his brother Hastings had been with Sir Francis Willoughby and his lady, and that he had taken the Woodland [co. Dorset] of Sir Francis for three lives, and that he was contented to joyn with Sir Francis in the settlement of his lady’s joyniture and the confirmation of other leases, and that he had yielded to Sir Francis all that he had desired of him. In the doing wherof he had gain’d the good will of Sir Francis. Edward Willoughby in that letter to his brother desires and advises him also to comply with Sir Francis in things that are reasonable, and entreats him to confirm and further his lady’s joyniture, and writes that he had heard a good report of the lady.

“ There is the copy of a letter from Sir Percivall, writ *An. D.* 1595, to W. Agard, in which he writes that he is sent for to meet Sir Francis and that there is such shews of a pretended peace as should please all parties, but he doubts, such is the minute necessity of declyning estates in these days, that nothing will stay their downfall, and that his hopes are small in so shaken a house, where the principall pillar hath [lain] and ever will ly open to all manner of pestilent blasts.

“ Sir Francis Willoughby’s lady and his deceitfull servants, I believe, made great advantage from this quarrell which they had made between him and his son Percivall.

“ There is a very flattering letter which was writ by Russell to his master Sir Francis, dated from Wollaton, October, 1595, in which he heartily wishes him heirs by his new lady, for which he writes that he had the hearty prayers of all the country, and if he did but hear the daily good wishes that himself and lady had from all sorts of people, it would yeild him cause of joy and invite him to live at Wollaton. He writ that Mr. Henry Willoughby had said that he did hear and like very well of his lady, but said he had done her great injury in regard her joyniture could never be secured by reason of all the land being so intangled and tyed upon Sir Percivall, with many other circumstances which Henry Willoughby intended to write upon to his worship himself. Russell in that

letter enlarged upon his own fidelity and concluded with humble duty, service and faith to himself and good lady, comiting them both to the terrestriall and celestiaall paradise.

“There is no letter or account booke which I could find that mention this lady’s bringing any fortune to Sir Francis, but by severall one may guess that he was very fond of her person, and that she and her relations by their care to flatter and please him soon gain’d great power in the management of his affairs.

“There is a letter from Sir Francis, which bears no date, directed to his loving wife the Lady Dorothy Willughby, who ’tis very likely he might leave at Sherfeild while he went upon business to London, before she could goe. In this letter Sir Francis writ that he had inclosed 4 letters which he desired she would send, one to Sir Michael, one to Mr. Talbott, one to Sir John Conuay, and the 4th to Mr. Beamont. He writ that his cause against Parramore in chancery had not been hear’d because of My Lord’s sickness. He wishes her to take care of herself in comming up to London, and concludes comitting her and the lady her mother and his sister Brigit to the tuition of Heaven. In the post-script he writes: ‘I did think this process would partly amaze Percivall Willoughby and his hangers on. And Mr. Robert Willughby doth utterly condemn him touching his detaining of the houses from me, Middleton and the Hote. I would gladly hear an answer of the letters sent to Sir Foulk Grevill and to Sir Henry Godier’s executors. If Savage advertized you how the Lord Huntington did take the matter touching his son Henry, I would gladly understand thereof.’

“Sir Francis had no sister but Lady Arundel, and therefore I conclude that Brigit named in the letter was his lady’s sister.

“There is a letter from Sir Francis Willoughby to his daughter Brigit dated from Wollaton, February, 1595[-6]. This letter is to tell her that he finds missing of her late mother’s apparel a velvet gown, and much other apparel containing many pearls, and also a great quantity of bothe fine and courser hennin, all which he charges her to send him by the bearer, for he will not suffer her to rob and spoile him.

“There is the copy of Lady Willughby’s answer to her father’s letter still remaining with his letter. ’Tis dated February the 11th, 1595[-6], and is to this effect:

“ ‘Sir,

“ ‘I did never rob nor spoile you, nor commit any graceless action, and am sorry my better deserts can have no better consideration with you. If at your being at Middleton, your steward Russell would have suffer’d me to have come to you, I would have satisfied you of as many of my mother’s things

as either my sisters left here or otherwise I did hear off, not meaning to desire any of them, but only such things as she had of mine, which might have been fitter for me (as I thought) [to have] again then for Russell and strangers to have worn. I have deliver'd to Fox a note of such things as they left here, and he may fetch them at his' pleasure, and if he had listed, he might have let you understand, being at his house, that I would have spoke with you about some causes of my mother's. If this may not sattisfie you, I will repose my self in the inocency of my cause, and bear as I may these and other your hard courses.

“There is another letter from Sir Francis to his daughter Brigit, dated from Wollaton, February the 13th, 1595[-6], to this effect :—‘I have sent you a note under Abigail's hand with things she sent to you, which I would have to be safe delivered to the bearer hereof, and likewise, since the writing of the note, she has said, and others do well know and have seen, a whole set of these pescoddes, whereof I have sent you a pattern, which were delivered by her to you, and divers other things, with a carkenett of aggetts, and one other trymming of a gown with pearl, which I would have to be sent to me likewise.’

“There is also Abigail Willughby's letter to her sister Brigit. In it she expressed much concern for her father's anger, and writ that she had sent a note of the cloaths and linnin mension'd in her father's letter, which he had made her sēt down in a note. And she fear'd if she should not send them, it would be the worse for her.

“It is very probable that Sir Francis Willughby might want all those things mentioned in the letter to present to his Lady, who was then with him at Wollaton, as appears from a letter writ by John Atkinson to the Lady Dorothy Willughby at Wollaton; this letter is dated from Nottingham, February, 1595[-6]. In it he writes that by the symptoms he believes her Ladyship to be with child; he also gives in this letter an account of his care of others in the house (which makes me believe he might be the family phisitian), and adds his duty to Lady Mollyns, which shows that that Lady was at Wollaton with Lady Willughby.

“It does not appear who that Lady Mollyns was, but finding mention of her in most of the letters writ about that time, and that by other letters when Sir Francis married his second Lady, that her mother was to live with them, I conjecture that this Lady Mollyns might be her mother, and that after the death of Thomas Coleby, who was that Lady Willughby's father, she married Sir Michael Mollyns.

“There are some very friendly letters writ by John Atkinson to Sir Francis Willughby. There is one dated from Nottingham, in June, 1596, about selling of wood, and to let Sir Francis know that the receipts for what had been sold at Wollaton would be upwards of 200*l*.

“There is another letter writ by him the same month to tell Sir Francis that he is very ill used by his servants at Wollaton, who abuse him sadly in selling his wood. At such a rate, he writes, they sell it as if they gave one half to have the other fetched away. He also writes that by the use of his money they make their own gain, and that he is betrayed by those he most trusted. This letter is directed to Sir Francis Willughby at his lodgings in Smithfield.

“There is a letter from Sir Francis Willughby to Fox about selling Lamley for 4000*l.* and Carlton, Carcolston and Sutton for 2500*l.*

“There is a letter from Sir Percivall to his own father, Mr. Thomas Willoughby, which gives a long account of his troubles. How, that when he was from home and had left his wife big with child, Sir Francis had sent a troop to take possession of Middleton; that his servants resisting, they went off to the town, after having broke down a wall and two doors.

“He writes that the new lady and her friends endeavour as much as they can to disgrace Sir Francis’s children and old followers, and perswade to fit him better with new feathers and plomes of their impinge¹ then any which either himself hath bred, or his own experience could approve. And when they have plomed him bare, he may sit like a bird to be a scorn to all the world. This letter is dated April the 12th, 1596.

“There are other letters and papers which shew that Sir Francis leased out the greatest part of his estate for three lives. The money raised by these leases as also that by the sail of the land and wood, ’tis very likely Sir Francis Willughby’s lady got secured for herself.

“There is an account of Sir Percivall’s preferring a bill in chancery against Sir Francis, which ’tis probable might be upon that occasion that so he might secure to himself that part of the estate which the law would allow him in right of the settlement which Sir Francis had made of Wollaton, Cossall and Trowell, and Middleton and Kinsbury upon him and his lady and their heirs.

“There is a letter from Sir Percivall to his lady, dated May the 13th, 1596, which said that her father had preferred a bill against him, but that would be easie enough answer’d. In this letter he writ that her father said none of his name must come near him for fear of troubling his wife, and that he would care for nobody that loved Sir Percivall.

“There is another letter from Sir Percivall to his lady, dated June the 20th, 1596, in which he writes that her father would have all for his wife Dorothy; but since she had made

¹ Grafting, setting.

choice of him for her husband, he would never yield to that while he lived. At last, he writes that Sir Francis was content to chuse Mr. Micheal Murrin and he [and] his cousin Henry Willoughby to end all matters. But their demands were so unreasonable that he expected no good would be done.

“ I could find no account how this refference ended, but believe it produced no good to Sir Percivall. And from the old papers one may believe that Sir Francis neglected all his children, and made it his chief care to raise a great sum of money for his lady. And thus having charged his estate with as much money as it could bear, he fell very sick. There is a tradition in the family that his friends suspected his lady had given him poyson, but whither that was so or not is uncertain. All the account which I could find of his sickness was from a letter writ by Sir Percivall to his lady, which letter was to this effect :

“ That again the black messenger salutes her, and God with his many blessings hath and doth intermingle many troubles, that we may the better know and acknowledge from whence both proceed. He writ that her father’s case was lamentable, that he had been ill a fortnight, and shut up from all his friends, that the whore and her minnion had stripped him both of goods and land, and left him nothing where he lay but what hung upon his back, and that he now sits haling for life and breath, and that in this case he was solicited to see him. Dated November, 1596.

“ There is no particular account either of his death or burial, more then that he died in November, *An. D.* 1596.

“ After Sir Francis Willoughby’s death, his wife being with child, Sir Percivall was under great apprehensions that she might impose an heir upon him, and in order to prevent any such imposition, he obtained of the Queen a troop of guards to watch and search everybody that came to the house, where she then was. [Cf. *Croke’s Reports* 1, p. 566, 39 Eliz.]

“ There is a letter from Sir Percivall to his Lady, in which he says that her mother-in-law had a strange woman next door to her who in the night was brought to bed of a son. He writes that God knows whither she was not brought thither by design.

“ This Lady, in right of the child she went with, kept possession of all the estate which Sir Francis Willoughby left. This engaged Sir Percivall in very expensive law sutes.

“ Upon May the 3rd, 1597, she was delivered of a daughter.

“ There is the copy of a letter from Sir Percivall Willoughby, dated October, 1597, to the Lord Burghley, then Lord High Treasurer of England, who had given the wardship of that

child to his son the secretary. In this letter Sir Percivall desired the Lord Burghley that for the avoiding of the malice of his adversaries and the better establishing of his perplexed estate, he would vouchsafe so far to recomend his humble sute to his son that he might have the wardship of the child for the land only for such considerations as should seem good to his Honour. And that he might the better judg of the value of it, Sir Percivall writ that he had inclosed the particular of those lands, and by that particular he would also see what lands this lady, the widow of Sir Francis Willughby, by the help of Sir Micheal Molyns and the rest of their accomplices had got for herself and her heirs, tho' her usages of Sir Francis had been such that she had ill deserved it. With this letter Sir Percivall sent to the Lord Burghley a present of a gelding.¹

“Amongst the old papers in the library at Wollaton I could not find any copy of the inclosed particular of the estate which Sir Francis Willughby's widow got from the family, but many circumstances shew that it was a very considerable estate in land, of which I believe the Dorsetshire estate was a part. The money which Sir Francis raised by leases and selling wood, etc., and gave to this lady must have been a great sum; and by tradition the goods in Sir Francis's houses (all which he gave this lady) must have been of great value. I have been told by some of the family that there was an inventory of the plate, in which there was an account of a hundred large silver dishes and very large quantities of all other usefull plate. All which this lady very soon carried to the Lord Wharton's family by marrying that Lord some months after Sir Francis Willughby's death. This lady's daughter dyed soon after Sir Percivall had beged the wardship of her lands.

“There remains in the library at Wollaton the following account of the estate in lands and goods which Sir Percivall Willoughby and Brigit his wife had from Sir Francis Willughby, her father, and also of the debts which the estate was charged with. [The five lordships of Wollaton and Sutton, Cossall, and Trowell, co. Notts., and Middleton and Kinsbury, co. Warwick, “the tenants being leased by Sir Francis Willughby for three lives after his second marriage,” of the yearly value of 807*l.* 16*s.* 0*d.*, minus 257*l.* for annuities charged upon these manors by Sir Francis. Followed by “an account of the money which Sir Percivall Willoughby was to pay out of the estate,” amounting to 35,156*l.* (including goods, iron-works, etc., at Middleton and Wollaton, 1000*l.*; iron-works undertaken by Sir Percival for Sir Francis

¹ An inserted slip written in the same hand cites from the Journal of the House of Lords, 4 April, 1621, the second article of the charge against the Lord Chancellor Bacon that he received 310*l.* as a bribe from Lady Wharton in a cause depending between her and Sir Percival Willoughby

upon the latter's promise that Sir Percival should be no loser, 3000*l.*; 'Sir Percivall was bound with Sir Francis for the debt of 21,000*l.* without any other consideration than that of Sir Francis's promise to leave to him and his wife the whole remainder of his estate, this debt Sir Francis left Sir Percival to pay of;' costs of law-suits before Sir Percival could obtain possession of the estate owing to the trouble caused by Lady Wharton, 3000*l.*]

"There is an account of other mortgaged lands [of] which Sir Percivall had a power of redemption upon paying 3050*l.*, which, with other things imposed upon them by Sir Francis, was as much as they were worth. It is probable that Willoughby and those other lordships which Sir Percivall sold of his lady's estate might be included in these mortgaged lands.

"To raise that 3050*l.* at that time was, I believe, pretty hard for Sir Percivall to doe; and the lands themselves were so encumbered that no body would buy any of them, and therefore, I believe, Sir Percivall was forced very soon to sell his own Kentish estates to raise that money and also the 4000*l.* which he paid to [three of] his lady's sisters [as part of their portions, p. 159] and also money to enable him to carry on his law sutes with the Lady Wharton. . . .

"Having given this account of the shattered condition which Sir Francis Willughby left his estate in to Sir Percivall and of the neglect which he seemed to shew of all his children before his death, I think I ought to be so just to his memory as to note down that from the papers which still remain in the library at Wollaton it plainly appears that this Sir Francis was a man of great piety and learning. There is still remaining a collection which he made of the most valuable books of his time, and many notes of remarks upon them writ with his own hand. There is also in the library severall other little manuscripts writ by himself upon divine subjects, some of which seem to have been heads of sermons for his chaplains to preach upon. By the papers which direct the orders which Sir Francis Willughby would have to be observed in his family and the remaining books of his accounts, one may believe that he was a very good œconomist.

"It was the fashion of those times for families of distinction to maintain as their retinue in their own families and to be always ready to attend them upon any occasion many gentlemen who were really born so and who looked upon it to be no disgrace to be so retained by the great families then in England but rather the contrary, for it was then usuall for gentlemen to get their sons placed in a man of qualitie's house as a means to gain them a better education than by continuing in their own little families they could have had. Of this sort of gentlemen Sir Francis Willughby always retained a great number, as appears by many of the old papers

as well as George Willoughby's letter page 76,¹ who is there mentioned to have said that he had advised with severall of the country gentlemen, where and in what manner they intended to meet the Queen, and by what he could learn their servants need only to have plain livery coats, but he thought Sir Francis Willoughby's number of servants should in no wise be less than fifty.

"Some of these gentlemen servants which Sir Francis retained had, I believe, gained his friendship so much as to have thereby a power to perswade and influence him in the affairs of his family, and this power (I believe by the old papers) they used only for their own advantage, and finding those unhappy divisions between Sir Francis and his lady and afterwards between him and his son Percivall and daughter Brigitt Willoughby might prove profitable to them, they helped to make and continue that breach as wide as they could between those near relations till after that lady's death and Sir Francis Willoughby's second marriage. Which second lady defeated their projects and soon shewed she had subtlety enough to outwit them, so much as to make all their plotting turn to her own advantage, and thereby to gain to herself such immense wealth as has been already shewed that she raised by making use of the declining age and last part of Sir Francis Willoughby's life. . . .

"Concerning Dorothy Willoughby, the second daughter of Sir Francis.

"I shall here copy part of a letter from Henry, earl of Huntynghdon, which, I believe, was writ to Sir Francis Willoughby upon this daughter's account, for I think it could not mean Brigett, the eldest daughter, because this letter is dated Aug. 1581, and by the account book it appears that Brigitt was married to Sir Percivall Willoughby *An. D.* 1580, being the year before. The letter was to this effect :

"It was my hap yesterday to pass in my journey towards York nigh your house, where you were not, or else I hope I should have spoken with you, so as this letter might have been spared. There is a matter which I think fit to be moved to you without delay, which in divers respects 'tis meet you should give a favourable ear to. Henry Willoughby, your kinsman, and by you commended to my service, hath been and is a suitor to one of your daughters for marriage. The liking between them is great, but without your liking to proceed to a match would be thought hard. For your favour that is a suitor, and by me he hath chosen to make the means, because you first commended him to my service, and by his being with me I find him such a one as for good parts, honesty and good nature I may be bold to commend him worthy of much more than I am able to doe for him, and

¹ See page 538, above.

yet what I can doe for him he shall not want. I am bold to pray the continuance of your favour to him, and that in this his suit you would vouchsafe to shew it to him. If God send you no son, what Willoughby is there that can be more meet to tast of your liberall favour than this gentleman? I could say more than leasure will now serve me to write. Truely I wish with all my heart it may please God to send you a son of your own, but if that fail till I hear more I can't change my opinion which I have uttered. And so heartily praying your favour for this my Willoughby, with my most hearty commendations I doe commit you to the tuition of the Lord.

“ ‘Hastily from Mansfield, the 17th of Aug. 1581.

Your loving friend,
H. Huntyngdon.’

“ Upon the back of this letter from Lord Huntyngdon there is a query whither this Willoughby was a son of Sir Hugh's, writ by my father.

“ Amongst the old papers I could nowhere find any copy of Sir Francis's answer to this letter, nor any other mention made of this Henry Willoughby except in Mrs. Fisher's letter page 148.¹ Which person, 'tis likely, might be the same Henry Willoughby who, she there writ, had practiced with Cludd and Dracot to have stole away and married Brigitt Willoughby while she was in Mr. Fisher's house, and at the same time that Sir Francis Willoughby was in treaty with Sir Percivall's friends.

“ There are in the library severall letters which were writ some years after that which is copied above from this H. earl of Huntyngdon to Sir Francis Willoughby concerning the match between his nephew Henry Hastings and Dorothy Willoughby. Some of these letters were dated *An. D.* 1584, tho' by what I can judg from those old papers they did not marry till 1587, as is already noted page 130.² It is reasonable to think that the estate which the earl of Huntyngdon offer'd to settle upon his nephew might be less then Sir Francis thought his daughter deserved and that therefore this match was so long in debate.

“ There is with the letters from Lord Huntyngdon concerning this match a paper which seems to be writ by a very good friend of Sir Francis Willoughby's, in which is drawn up ten considerations and reasons against the match between Henry Hastings and Dorothy Willoughby, of which the most material were these, viz.

“ ‘That a great part of the land was designed to descend to the heirs of Francis Hastings, in whom and to whose issue the earldome was to be restrained.

¹ See page 577, above.

² See page 566, above.

“ That the Lady Hastings hath a great part in joynture by act of parliament which intervein other demises.

“ That the earl is about 20,000*li.* in debt, which may greatly charge his land, and that much of this money must have come by the credit of bonds of others.

“ That in respect of procuring such sumes of money there may be hidden mortgages upon the land, except the earl upon his honour do confess them. The sale of Ware and Ware Park made by the earl to Mr. Fanshaw may teach you to beware.

“ When you have paid two thousand pounds with your daughter, that is not their satisfaction; they shott at another mark, for though you pay your money, yet at the marriage there shall be a key to your land, and their desire they think to bring to pass with the maintenance of their honour.

“ God send you your heart's ease: I doubt this match will not breed it.

“ The young gentleman is half a Stanhop. A word to your wife is enough.”

“ I don't understand why the author of this paper calls the young gentleman half a Stanhop: his mother was the daughter and co-heir of Sir John Port of Etwall in Derby Shire. . . .

“ There is a letter from Francis Hastings (who was, I believe, the father of that child)¹ to Sir Francis Willughby in which he earnestly desires Sir F. W. to lend him a hundred pounds; this letter is dated *An. D.* 1577.

“ In this treaty of marriage there seems to have been many rubs before it could be brought to a conclusion, tho' the particular reasons do not appear.

“ There are severall letters writ by Henry Hastings to Sir Francis Willughby both before and after his marriage. In one of these letters to Sir Francis he expresses great fears that by the perswasions of some Sir Francis's thoughts may be drawn from him, which he is very sorry for, knowing himself to be clear from offending him, and writes that my lord is easie to be drawn to anything that in reason shall seem fit and convenient. He hopes Sir Francis will weigh and consider a young man's case, having settled his affection so deep that nothing but death shall alter it. He begs Sir F. W. will remember his own youth, and then he will the better consider of him who is determined as long as he lives to persecute him to death that shall go about to marry her, for he thinks 'tis better to dye and end his grief than to live without her. He assures Sir F. W. that it is not the heat of youth which causes him to write thus, but an honest affection so surely settled that he is sure never to have a quiet mind without her. This letter is dated from London, but not the date of the year.

¹ That is Henry, son of Francis, the eldest son of George Hastings, brother of Henry, earl of Huntingdon. Dorothy Willoughby's husband was a son of George.

“There is a letter from Henry Hastings to Sir F. W. dated from Loughborough, October, 1587, to desire a lute with 14 strings which he once gave to Sir Francis, and seeing it is not now occupied, (he writes that) he is the bolder to crave it again that his wife may sometimes use it. By this letter it appears that they were married before October, 1587.

“There is a letter from the earl of Huntynghdon to Sir Francis Willughby, dated from York, April the 9th, 1588, to let Sir Francis know that there is reason to believe that his daughter Hastings is with child, and therefore he thinks it will be inconvenient to her to have his nephew continue to sojourn with her so as they doe at present, and he has not any house in his own hands to offer his nephew, for which reason he is a suitor to Sir Francis Willughby to let them have the Woodland [co. Dorset], they paying him so much rent for the house and grounds about it as he now takes, which Lord Huntynghdon undertakes that his nephew shall truly pay. He desires Sir Francis will answer his request by a few lines to Harry.

“With this letter there is a copy of Sir Francis Willughby’s answer, in which he writes Lord Huntynghdon word that he had sent for his nephew to come to him that they might confer together touching his request concerning Woodland. He writes that the burthen of his debts makes him not willing to grant a lease for the yearly rent of Woodland [makes other proposal regarding it, which he had already mentioned to the earl when he last spoke with him. Proposals for sale of other estates to meet his debts to the earl].

“The Lord Huntynghdon’s answer to this letter from Sir Francis Willughby still remains in the library at Wollaton: it is dated May, 1588, and is to this effect:

“The bearer hereof, your son-in-law, being a father, he now the more earnestly intreats you to be good to him and his, and therefore renews his former request touching the Woodland. [Expresses regret that Sir Francis should have to sell any lands, especially his western lands. Advises him to sell lands in Essex in preference.] But if there is no remedy, and he will sell Cane, then he had advised his nephew to make certain requests to him, one of which, he hoped, he would be contented to grant to him. And the more favour he shew’d him, the more bound he should be to him, and himself and all his friends would think themselves the more beholden to him, to whose good favour he leaves his nephew and his cause. And whereas his nephew had desir’d them both to be godfathers to his child, Lord Huntynghdon desir’d Sir F. W. would grant the same because his daughter was the mother.

“There is another very pressing letter upon the same subject from the earl of Huntynghdon to Sir Francis Willughby; it is dated from Wadley, August 22th, 1588, and in it [he presses

Sir Francis to let the latter's daughter and her husband have the manor of Woodland "at so reasonable a rent as might enable them to welcome both him and their other friends," and begs that he will not alienate the love that he once seemed to bear to his earl's nephew]. But he doubts his nephew's continuall absence and the ill offence from some about Sir Francis (whose vilainy he hopes time will discover) has alter'd his mind towards him.

"There are a great many letters which shew that this Henry Hastings used his wife very ill, and 'tis likely some stories of that sort might have been brought to Sir Francis, and that Lord Huntynghdon might strive as much as he could to make his nephew appear inocent.

"There is a letter from Henry Hastings to Sir Francis Willughby, dated from Hinton, May the 23th, 1593, to importune him again to let them have the Woodland. He writes that his wife does not like to dwell so near the sea side, and that the place does not agree with her. [Denies that he illtreats his wife, whom he desires Sir Francis to consult privily on the question.]

"There is another letter from Henry Hastings to Sir Francis Willughby, dated from Duning Park, the 11th of April, 1593, in which he writes if he had known Sir F. W. would have spoken with him, he would have been with him this night. But now his journey is fixed, so that he must lye at Middleton to-morrow and set forwards towards the west upon Monday. [Desires to serve Sir Francis, affirms his honesty, and declares that he never served him or his lady for the sake of gain.]

"After Lady Willughby's death and Sir Francis's second marriage Henry Hastings endeavour'd to make the second lady and her mother his friends in this affair of the Woodland, as appears by a letter from him dated from Middleton, October the 2d, 1595. [Abstract of letter.]

"I believe Sir Percivall Willoughby and Henry Hastings were very friendly one to another for some years. I shall hear (*sic*) copy two of their letters. [Copy of undated letter from Hastings to Sir Percival.]

"Sir Percivall Willoughby's answer :

"Sir,

"I shall be ever glad you would command me in any [thing], and am very sory it was not my happ to be at Middleton; where and here you shall ever command both men and master and whatever the places may afford, though my troubles for Sir Francis's occasions and the Lord Chancellor's heavie undeserved displeasure have made me a stranger to my own houses and to have little pleasure in the world. And were it not that I am a recommended prisoner to the Fleet after so many heavie payments and chargable suits for not sattisfying Sir William Brereton [for] 1500*l.*, I would both see you and tender my love and duty to my

Lord. My Lord and his house I have and ever will honour. And thus being very glad to hear of the health of my sisters, I leave you both to the tuition of the Almighty.

Yours ever to his power

Percivall Willoughby.'

"There are in the library a great many letters from Dorothy Hastings to Sir Percivall Willoughby and his lady, some of which I shall here write an abstract off." [Abstracts of five letters, one dated 1615 and another dated 1619.]

"There is another letter from Mrs. Hastings to her sister, the Lady Willoughby, dated December the 10th, 1619, to desire she would give her tenants warning to pay no more rent to her brother Wood, who, she fear'd, would get Lady Day's rent before hand, for he had play'd her a vile part in disappointing her of her own before, which she desires her sister to get from him, if she can. She writes that she has found him very false in his dealing, but it is God's will to plague her with vile men. The letter which she [Lady Willoughby?] sent by her [the writer's] son Henry she doubts was opened, because it was not her own seal; therefore when she writes to her she desires she will take care who she sends her letters by, for she knows some have been opened and read and sealed again before she had them. Therefore she dares not write her mind to her at large, but desires that she and Lady Peckham will seal up her secrets and pray for her. She writes that Mr. Hastings gives her continually threatenng words and she has her health very ill. She hears that her son Ralph will be with Lord Huntyngdon that Christmas, and she doubts he may do her wrong by geting her rent from her tenants if Lady Willoughby will not prevent it by warning the tenants not to pay to anybody but herself, for she knows all her children disemble with her for their own advantage. She concludes 'Pray God to send all her friends long life and herself speedily to heaven.'

"There is another very melancholy letter from her to her sister, dated from Woodland, July the 3d, 1620. She writes Mr. Hastings opened and read her last letter before he gave it her. She heartily wishes herself with some of her friends. She is daily vexed with false wittnesses, which say she set her hand to that which she never did. She thinks they will poyson her eare longe, but hopes God will take her to his mercy, and desires her sister to pray for her.

"There are many such petious letters from Mrs. Hastings to her sister Willoughby. In one, dated April the 11th, 1621, she writes that she has been most vilely used by Mr. Hastings in words and deeds too long to write. He has threaten'd to lock her up and use her like a dog. She greatly fears that he means to poyson her. He wishes she could not write, and then he could doe well enough with her. He and Sir John Rives told her she had set her hand to writings which she

never saw. She writes that they care not what they say or swear to serve the turn they would have it. In this letter she tells of a great escape they had of the house being burnt by a barne which was set on fire by one shooting through a hole in it. The wind blew the powder into the thatch of the barn and so set it on fire, and had not the wind changed of a sudden so as to blow the fire from the house, it must have burnt it. She writ that she had never been well since this fright, and desired her sister if she could tell what was good for the trembling of the heart, she would let her know it.

“At the bottom of this letter is writ by Sir Percivall Willoughby’s hand: “to garter your hoose below knee, for the gartering above is not good for them which have the panting of the heart.”

[Abstract of letter, dated 30 April, 1622, to Lady Willoughby complaining of her husband’s ill-usage and that he allows her meat and drink but neither clothes nor money, wherein he uses her worse than his servants, and desiring the loan of 60*l.* to help her in her extremity, which she desires may be brought sealed up in a box by the bearer. Abstract of another letter, dated Woodland, March, 1624, to the same, whom she desires to see, and complaining that Mountiegue (*sic*) Wood “keeps both the use [= interest] and principle money from her, and that it is now near eight years since he had it, and he uses her vilely.”]

“There is another very melancholy letter from her to her sister, in which she writes that she is alive tho’ in great misery, being lame of one legg, and her sight fails her because of vexations which she has daily from Mr. Hastings.

“In another letter from Mrs. Hastings to her sister, dated from Woodland, May the 10th, 1626, she writes that her daughter Rives is big with child and intends to ly inn at Woodland, and she wishes Lady Willoughby would be at her groning and help to comfort her. She writes that she is sorry to hear that Sir George Peckham and his lady are like to lose Streley. Her brother Wood she fears will defraud her of her money which he has owed her (and she has forbore him) these ten years. She desires Lady Willoughby will perswade him to pay her before strangers, for she hears his land is extended for debt.

“There is a letter from Mrs. Hastings to Lady Willoughby, dated from Abes Court, May the 5th, 1628, in which she writes that she is now with her daughter Rives expecting her happy hour. She writes she would be very glad to see her this summer, if the journey would not be too painfull and too chargable.

“There is another letter from Mrs. Hastings to her sister dated from Woodland, October the 31th, 1628, in which she writ that she should be very glad to see her at Woodland, and desires she will bring the mare which she gave her with her, because she wants one to take the air upon, for Mr. Hastings uses the coach continually so that she [can] never have it except upon Sundays to goe to church. She writes that she is grown so véry sickly that she doubts she shall not live long, and her daughter Rives is also grown very sickly with breeding her children, insomuch that she doubts neither of them will ever see Wollaton again.

“Upon the top of all these letters from Dorothy Hastings and many more of the old letters there is writ either ‘Jesus’ or eles ‘Emanuell,’ which, I believe, was an ancient custome in writing letters.

“With these letters there is the copy of one from Sir Percivall Willoughby’s lady to Mrs. Hastings, dated from Wollaton, July the 9th, 1620, to this effect: ‘The king’s coming into the west this summer will, I believe, prevent my seeing yourself, my brother, and my neece Rives at Wollaton. And should I venture to come to you I doubt my brother would prevent it if he could, as he had thoughts to have done the last time. I will never come to doe either of you harme, for my heart desires to doe all the good offices that a loving, well wishing friend may doe between you, and happy should I think myself if I could by any means work your likings and contents, which I pray God quickly to begin and ever to continue, and that all jarrs and discords may be ended between you, and that they that are the causes may be banished from you.

“By some of the old letters one may believe that the first cause of the unhappiness of Mr. Hastings and his lady might proceed from his desiring to have her estate in land sold and her unwillingness to part with it.

“Concerning Margaret Willughby, the third daughter of Sir Francis Willughby.

“It has been already shew’d page 131¹ that this Lady married Robert Spencer, of Wormleighton in Warwickshire, but before this marriage there had been a long treaty of marriage for her between Sir Francis Willughby and his kinsman Thomas Markham² for Griffin Markham his son. . . . The relation between the two families had made a great intimacy amongst them, insomuch that Mrs. Margaret Willughby used to be often at Mr. Markham’s house for a great while together when she was very young. It appears by letters that she was there when her cousin Griffin Markham

¹ See page 566, above.

² Of Ollerton, co. Notts. See Thoroton, *Antiquities of Notts*, p. 437b.

went to Cambridg. There are a great many letters in the library at Wollaton which he writ to her from thence, part of which letters I shall here copy.

“An abstract of letters from Mr. Griffin Markham to his cousin Margaret Willughby, dated from Caius College in Cambridg.

“In the first letter, which begins with ‘Dear Cousin,’ he tells her that he has never been quiet in his mind since he parted from her so suddenly and with so few words, good will and opportunity not being wanting, but such was his shamefacedness that instead of speaking he used blushing, nor would he have spoken more to her before he went to Cambridg, but that from thence he might salute her with his rude lines, which would not blush to let her perceive his stedfast, unfeigned and faithfull mind towards her, etc.

“‘If you will continue as I left you, I don’t dispare but my father will procure the good will of yours, and then I shall hope that by his perswasions and my mother’s instructions your good will will rather increase than diminish,’ etc.

‘Yours to trust

untill he be dust G. M.’

“In his second letter he tells her that her answer gave him great content because by it he perceived her affections to him and good will to his friends (as yet undiscovered), which shewed her great clemency, good disposition and singuler virtue. He could neither attribute to his friends sufficient thanks for providing him such a match, nor make such returns as was due to her, but would rest at her command, being ready to perform anything which might be acceptable to her. Her letter had so abandon’d fear from him that he hop’d at their next meeting he should without blushing declare to her the sume of his faithfull and unfeigned mind, etc. He desires to know as soon as she can certifie him what end their parents have made, and shall daily pray that it may answer their expectations, and that God would grant to her health, prosperity and virtue, and so entirely to knitt the knott of amity betwixt them that by no means it might be dissolved. ‘I cease any further to trouble you. From Cayus Colledg, Dec. the 24th.

‘Yours whilst life doth rule his vital breath

G. M.’

In his third letter he writes that their meeting did not so much rejoyce him as his departure doth grieve him, for what greater grief can happen to faithfull friends than in the begining of their familiarity to be separated. But ’tis fond to strive against a stream, and best for them both to comfort themselves with hopes to meet again shortly, and altho’ shortly, yet he should think it too long. But in the meantime he hoped they should often hear from one another by

letters, which should carry the true meaning of his mind, who would forsake all others for his sake and vowed himself hers to be true to her so long as they both should live. 'If [you] accept this, I shall be satisfied, and will labour by what means I can to deserve it hereafter. In the meantime account me yours and at your commandment. Caius Colledg, 28 April. Yours to command while life doth last,
G. M.'

[Abstracts of eleven other love letters, in some of which he regrets his bashfulness before her and that his tutor labours to prevent his leaving Cambridge.]

"All these letters begin either with 'My sweet cousin,' 'My good Cousin,' or 'My dear Cousin,' but the date of the year is not set to any of them. Most of them are directed to 'My very good Cousin, Mrs. Margaret Willughby, at Kirkbie Bellers,' and some to 'My loving cousin, Mrs. Margaret Willughby, at Bestwood Park.' All these letters I found rolled up together and some remarks writ upon them with Sir Francis Willughby's hand, which makes me believe she had given them to her father, but with these letters there are no copies of Mrs. Margaret Willughby's answers to any of these letters, but there are other letters of hers which express resolutions never to engage herself farther than her father should approve of.

"There is the copy of a letter from Mrs. Margaret Willughby to a cousin of hers whose name is not writ, nor the date. [Copy of letter expressing surprise at the presumption of Mr. Thomas Markham, who 'useth liberall speeches that either my father or my self have made some promises of marriage to him or his son,' denying any liking for his son, and asserting that she would not in any case make any such promise without her father's consent.]

"There is a letter from Mrs. Mary Markham, who was the mother of Griffin Markham, directed to her good cousin Margaret Willughby, in which she writes that she had dealt with her father (Sir F. Willughby), who she found not only far from the matter, but he shew'd her no curtsie, which she took unkindly, but she would still follow it as earnestly as she was able, if Margaret Willughby would assure her of her friendship, but her word she could never get but when Mr. Markham commanded it, and goodwill by constraint was little worth [etc.].

"There is a letter from Mr. Thomas Markham to Margaret Willughby, in which he writes that at his return home he found his wife weeping and his son sorrowfull, but himself was pleased to see that she was so well beloved. Whereupon

he had writ a letter to Sir Francis Willughby, which he sent open to her to see, desiring to set the matter on foot again and to conclude with Sir Francis's own offer [of Middleton and Wyken] rather than break, if she would let the bearer, his cousin Marmione (a person she might trust for his knowledge; she had not a truer friend in England) know she desired it should be, and that hereafter she would frame herself to please his wife, whom she would find a loving mother-in-law. He concludes with blessing to her, his best beloved god-daughter. From Kirby Billars, October the 31th, 1586. [Copies of said letter to Sir Francis Willoughby and of Sir Francis's letter in reply, dated Wollaton, 1 November, 1586, declining the proposal on the ground of friendship and for other reasons.]

"It appears by this letter that Sir Francis Willughby was then satisfied of Sir Percivall's innocency in relation to Conrado's wicked letter and report of him, for by what he writes ('was the 3d cause against the match the dislike settled against some upon a light French report') he must mean the quarrel between Sir Percivall and Griffin Markham, which by Mr. John Adam's letters to Sir Percivall appears to have grown to such a hight thttt it was hard to prevent their fighting.

"That Lady Willughby was much against this match appears by a letter which she writ to her daughter Margaret Willughby to this effect :

" ' My daughter, the motherly love I bear you (than which no love can be greater) constrains me to write hoping that you bear a dutifull care of my blessing and counsel. I desire the Almighty to bless you and continue you in that faith which your father and I carefully desired you should learn from your cradle, and as a mother I charge and exhort you not to enter into any union which may draw you from the same. Marriage is honourable, but if religion fail on the one party, it is in my opinion a wicked joyning of the faithfull with the ungodly. I write this because I hear of a marriage motion'd to you which, for the religion suspected or professed, is not to be received. I also hear that to procure your good will tokens have been given you which are markes and signs of popery: I mean crucifixes and such like. Either you must in time go back, or God hath lost a servant and my self a daughter. Remember your calling and your father's mind and portion to prefer you, and you shall find (I flatter not) that you may be sought in marriage of those who are able to treble anything you shall receive by this match. But were it to gain the whol world and lose God, your bargain were worse than I or any one can write or think. Be not bewitched by foolish love or blind superstition, etc. I am by God's pleasure and at his sufferance severed from my husband and children, and find some of them not so dutyfull as God and

nature commands.' She writ with some resentment that her daughter Willoughby had been very near her, but never came to see her. And what her son Willoughby had reported of her (she writ) she knew not. She blamed Margaret for shewing her letters and delivering them to others to keep and then telling her father they were burnt. But she cares not who sees what she writes. She concludes from Holbourn, Feb. the 26th, 1586[-7],

“ ‘ Your loving mother, if you be an obedient child
Elizabeth Willughby.’ ”

“ There is a long letter from Margaret Willughby to Sir Francis, her father, dated from Eikle [Eagle, co. Lincoln], March the 28 [informing him, in pursuance of her promise, that she saw her cousin Griffin Markham on Wednesday, who told her that his father had met Sir Francis in London, that they had fixed a meeting in the country, and that he hoped his father's and his end would be obtained, but that she told him that it was vain for him or his father to labour any more in it. At which he, seeming greatly grieved, “ asked to know her mind, and if she would goe back from what she had writ if Sir F. Willughby's good will were obtained; to which she had answered ‘ No; if your good will were obtained, I would never goe back from what I had written.’ He then took his leave and went to Northampton to bed,” and wrote the enclosed letter next day, afterwards coming himself “ desiring to be resolved what I meant to doe; to which I said I could give no other answer than what I had already given. He then took his leave, saying he hoped his father and you would agree. Thus, dear father, craving this one request that if you put an end to this match, began with both your consents, you will leave me to rest as I am, because I can never marry any other without offending my conscience.”]

[Abstract of letter from Robert Willoughby to Sir Francis, dated Eikle, 27 March, 1587, informing him of Griffin Markham's coming thither, and of his having some secret speech with Margaret Willoughby before her sisters and his wife after dinner, despite his wife's endeavour to prevent this, that he desired her to give him [Sir Francis?] an account thereof and to send him the letter that Mr. Markham had sent from Northampton. He also mentions that Markham came again the next day, as her letter to her father shows, “ with this farther circumstance that he came from Northampton with his four men up to the house, and two other men passed at the same time by the gate, one having a broad buckler, the other was [read with] a double gelding with a pillion ready furnished. He could not say these two men were of Mr. Markham's company, but he thought the presumption was great that they were.”]

“It does not appear who this Robert Willoughby was. Sir Percivall’s grandfather who married the daughter of Sir Edward Willoughby of Wollaton perhaps might be then living as well as his wife. His name was Robert, and ’tis possible he might dwell at Eikle and that because of the double relation to them Sir Francis Willoughby might desire his daughters should live with them some part of the time that he lived from his lady.

“There is a letter from Sir Francis Willoughby to his daughter Margaret, dated from Wollaton, August the 12th, 1587 [desiring to know what promise, if any, she had made to Griffin Markham], and tells her there are many causes of dislike, and that the fear of God is the only rule to continue liking between man and wife. She had been warned by Mrs. Luce Bricknell what exact offices must be observed of pleasing the mother and grandmother, with offence inexcusable against the divine majesty.

“There still remains in the library at Wollaton a very handsome writ letter from Margaret Willoughby to her father in answer to this from him, which letter is to this effect: [abstract of long letter, dated from Newhall, August 15th, explaining her relations with Griffin Markham, who during the time she was at the Markham’s house “made no shew of good will or affection towards her but what he was urged to by his father and the rest of his friends, and besides his indifferency in the matter, his mother’s carriage was very unkind towards her, even when she had used what means she could to mitigate her displeasure; that she had told her that if her husband would be so overseen as to match her son with her (which she hoped would never be), all the rest of her children should have their portions well assured, and after that I must not look to live in the same house with her by my presence to disturb her devotions, but be placed in some cottage at their pleasure. And Mr. Markham had told her that if she could not frame and fashion her conditions to his wives and her mother’s liking, she would have but a weary life of it in matching with his son.”

[Abstract of letter from Margaret Willoughby to her father informing him that she had received three letters only from Mrs. Markham since she left her, and account of their contents.]

“There is a very obliging letter from Sir Clem[ent] Fisher to Mrs. Margaret Willoughby in which he writes that he as much wishes her well-doing as that of the dearest child he has. This letter is directed to Kirby [Bellairs?] and in it he tells her that he is very glad she is so well placed.

“ Amongst these old letters at Wollaton there is one from Mr. Thomas Markham directed to ‘the Right Worshipful Mrs. Spencer at Sandy.’ The letter was to this effect : ‘ Because after so desperate an attempt as this has been, and now clearly broken, I don’t think fit to trouble you nor myself with often repairing to your house. I send this letter to pray you to make my true excuse to that good lady your mother for not keeping my promise with my wife and daughter Margaret that we would wait upon you some time this summer.’ His daughter Margaret lay ill of the small pox, and now might she be glad, and in that respect himself not sorry, that he had not concluded with Mr. Robert Spencer as he desired, for had Mr. Ro. Spencer affected his daughter Margaret, then her company might have bread his danger. ‘ By this you may see God doth all for the best. He hath shewed His love to you by preserving your son and his chastisement to me by punishing my daughter, which I doe (by his promise) also take for a note of his love. And even so in love I end from the Court at Tybbals, the 25th of July, 1587.

‘ Yours wherein I may
T. M.’

“ ‘ Postscript. As for Mr. Spencer, tho’ I have cause not to like of his hard dealing in matter of matrimony (whereof now I heartily free him), yet his good company and mutuall friendship I will like very well, as he shall perceive when he may have cause to use me.’ . . .

“ There are in the library at Wollaton severall very kind and friendly letters from Sir John Spencer (who was the father of this Robert that married Margaret Willughby). These letters are to desire Sir Francis Willughby to look into his affairs and sell land to clear his debts. One of these letters is dated April, *An. D.* 1595, in which letter he writes that he understood by his servant Mr. Russell that his debt is now 19,000*li.* (which debt was greatly increased since their last meeting) and that he was about selling land and raising money by fines to pay off 14,000*li.* of it. He writes that since he is now awake, he hopes he will not again fall a sleep and let the remaining 5,000*li.* rest a growing debt. He desires to see him in town the next term, and assures Sir Francis that himself with his best friends will be ready to help to restore him to a perfect good estate, whereby he might live with the reputation of his fathers. He concludes wishing him contentment and the speedy effecting his good purpose, with hearty commendation to himself and his sister. (I believe Lady Arundell might be with Sir Francis after his lady dyed.)

“ There is another letter from Sir John Spencer to Sir Francis Willughby dated from Althropp, October the 15th, to let him know that they are to muster their horsemen on

Thursday at Northampton and upon Saturday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday they shall deliver their foot to the captains to be taken to London the week following. In this letter also he puts Sir Francis in mind of his debts, and writes that knowing him to be forgetfull, he has also writ to his sister to call upon him, for that he thinks at All Saints Day he will answer the interest of very near 20,000*li.* and such returns are heavie.

“These, with other letters mentioned before from Robert Spencer the son, are sufficient to make one believe they were both very good friends to the Willughbys. . . . By the old papers one may also find reason to believe that Mr. Robert Spencer and his lady lived very happily together. [Account of their four sons and two daughters.]

“Concerning Winifrid Willughby, the fourth daughter of Sir Francis Willughby.

“There are many letters which shew that Lady Willughby used her daughter Winifrid with great severity. She seemed by her letters to have had a very tender affection for her sister Brigitt, and it is very likely that in the time that Sir Francis and his lady were both very angry with their son Percivall she might strive as much as she could to pacify them, and upon the same account I believe Mr. Thomas Willoughby might often send his second son Edward with messages in behalf of Sir Percivall to Wollaton or Nottingham or where else Sir Francis might be. Winifrid’s affection for her sister I believe made her always desirous to hear what news he either brought from or was to carry to Sir Percivall, and by thus conversing together they soon engaged each other’s affections. . . .

“There is a letter from Edward Willoughby to his brother Sir Percivall, dated December, 1588, in which he writes that what his father has offer’d him, he will perform at any time, and therefore he desires his brother to advise him whither he shall come down to Sir Francis now in the time of his being sheriff or not. His father, he writes, would send two men and a boy to wait upon him, but being a younger brother he thinks one man and a boy would be sufficient; but in this he desires Sir Percivall’s advice, as also concerning his liveries, whither they shall be green clokes or coats.

“Thus Edward Willoughby seemed to have great hopes of gaining his beloved mistris when yet the greatest difficulty still remained, and that was to gain Lady Willughby’s consent. In one of his letters he writes that when it was first proposed to my lady she flew into violent passions both with Sir Francis and her daughter Winifrid, and would by no means be prevailed upon to hear of such a match. And for fear least Winifrid should steal away and marry him privately, she kept her locked up by such hands as he could not convey a letter to her or get one from her.

“In a letter from Edward Willoughby to Sir Percivall, dated March the 18th, 1589[-90] he writes that Lady Willoughby uses poor Winifrid with such severity that he fears she will be lamed.

“There are severall very pittyoues letters from Winifrid to Sir Percivall and his lady. In one of her letters to Sir Percivall she writes that her mother’s illness grows worse and worse, and the doctors advise her to goe to the Bath, which she believes she intends as soon as she can. In this letter she desires Sir Percivall will find some way to get her from her mother, who, she writes, leads her such a life as she is not able to endure, and now she does all she can to make her father angry with her. She has turned away her maids now and says Winifrid shall serve her in their room. In short Winifrid writes that she has not one quiet hour.

“In another letter from Winifrid Willoughby to Sir Percivall she writes that her mother’s unkindness still continues, insomuch that at present she will not vouchsafe to call her daughter but Mrs. Winifrid.

“Amongst Winifrid Willoughby’s letters there is a love letter to her from Richard Pudsey, in which he owns that he does not deserve her, and writes that words can not express the grief which he suffers for her sake ; it is such as almost drives him to dispare when he thinks of his luckless love. He beseeches her to accept of a simple token as a testimony of his good will ; which undeserved curtisie will bind him to be for ever thankfull.

“There is no copy of any answer from Winifrid Willoughby to this letter.

“There are severall letters from Edward Willoughby which express great concern for the ill usage which Winifrid suffer’d from her mother, which at last he found a way to free her from by geting her away and privately marrying her. Of which there is this account in a letter which he writ to his sister Brigit, dated from London, May *An. D.* 1590 : that her mother’s cruelty and unnaturall usage of her sister Winifrid had made him take an extraordinary course for her quiet, for which, he writes, Lady Willoughby threatens imprisonment and death shall be his portion with her ; but he trusts as God has joyned them together, so he will help them and raise them up friends, and she hopes she will continue a sister’s love to them both.

“There is also a letter from Edward Willoughby to Sir Francis dated May, *An. D.* 1590, in which letter he expresses great concern for his heavie displeasure, assuring him that if he had not been pleased to give his consent to his friends as well as to himself, he would never have been troublesome to him while he had lived, but having by his allowance settled his affections upon Mrs. Winifrid, pitty had moved him now to take her from such cruel hard usage as her mother had made her indure, being, he supposed, rather incensed by others than of her ladyship’s own disposition so unnaturall to her

daughter. He now heard my Lady had vowed she would have him slayn, but he hoped her Ladyship would not commit that office to any of her friends for fear he get little by the match. [Craves favourable consideration of Sir Francis, and hopes that his course of life and usage of Winifrid will hereafter gain his favour and affection.]

“There are in the library at Wollaton many very melancholy letters from Winifrid Willoughby to her father acknowledging her great offence and begging he would forgive her. In one, dated January, 1595[-6], writ in very moving termes both to Sir Francis and his lady, begging if ever child was heard of father and mother, they would not now stop their ears to her, who came to them with a wounded heart, for years of experience had shewed her that the hand of God was streached out against her, which once again she begs them by their blessing to help to appease.

“In another letter to Sir Francis she begs if he will not look upon her as his child, yet he would not let her be less than his servants.

“By another letter I find Winifrid and her husband took a journey to Wollaton in hopes to have seen her father (which he refused) and also to remove some goods which I believe she had there which had remained from the time of her going away. Upon Sir Francis’s refusing to see them, she writ to tell him that seeing their being there was offensive to him, they would seek some abiding place which should be far from him, but then she hoped he would allow her that 40*l.* yearly which he had vouchsafed to promise her towards her maintenance.

“Marrying as they did unknown to either of their fathers it is very likely that that settlement which Mr. Thomas Willoughby offer’d to Sir Francis to make upon his son if he would consent to the match might never be made, and perhaps Mr. Thomas Willoughby’s second wife, to raise as much as she could for her own children, might prevent his being very kind to his son Edward. However this was, it is very apparent from both their letters, which still remain, that they were often reduced to very low circumstances. He was engaged in a law sute and by being bound for others was forced to pay more than he was worth and run himself so much in debt that he was committed to Warwick Gaol. Under these misfortune[s] Winifrid Willoughby writ her sister Brigitt many very melancholy letters. In one of her letters to her sister she desires she will send her a dish of fish against the assises, they being to have a great company of witnesses. In another of her letters to Lady Willoughby, her sister, she writ that she had been procuring money against the tryall, but she doubts it will fall short. She prays for patience, and complains of grievous pains in her head.

“There is another letter from Winifrid to her sister Willoughby which she dates from her aunt Moorows. In it she writ that she had been sent for to her sister Abigail’s against

her lying inn, but fell so sick by the way that she was forced to stay at her aunt's, and shall now return home as soon as she was able. In that letter she writ that her husband had sent a petition to the king in hopes of being released from his long imprisonment.

"In another very pittious letter to her sister she writ that the sickness was within four doors of her husband, and therefore she begged Lady Willoughby would solicit to get him released.

"There is in the library the copy of a letter writ in a very moving manner to Mr. Burrell and signed by Thomas Cartwright, Wusllia (*sic*) Hynton, Richard Eaton, and Edward Ped., dated April the 9th, 1602, to solicit him to release Mr. Edward Willoughby from his imprisonment, desiring him to consider his weak state of health and that in a short time, if he be kept there, he must be utterly ruined, both himself and family, and then Mr. Burrell could have nothing but his bones, whereas now the poor and wofull gentlewoman his wife to gain her husband's liberty, as they heard, would be contented to mortgage or sell all that she had, even to the bed which she lay upon. They desire he will consider that the debt was not his own but for suretyship for another. Therefore they beseech him for Christ's sake to shew some compassion to his miserable case, and if not to him, to his wife and children, who had no share in his suretyship.

"There is the copy of a letter to the same effect from Edward Willoughby to Mr. Burrell, dated July, 1605. In this letter he desires Burrell would let him have the use of his books.

"By Winifrid Willoughby's letters to her sister Willoughby it appears that under these bitter afflictions which she suffer'd Lady Willoughby was very kind in assisting her, for most of these melancholy letters are full of acknowledgments to her sister for her great bounty and kindness to her. Many of these letters give accounts of her being very sick and weak as well as in want through her husband's misfortunes. In a letter dated October, *An. D.* 1606, to her sister Willoughby she wishes her neece Brigitt a comfortable enjoyment of her marriage, and that her other neeces may have as good matches, and wished her neece would think her Bess han[d]some enough to wait upon her. . . .

"There is a very moving letter writ by Winifrid Willoughby to her father in behalf of her husband and children, begging that he would let them have one of his houses to live in that they might have some resting place, for her present state was so deplorable that she would rather chuse her grave. . . .

"There is a letter from Winifrid to her sister Willoughby, dated May, *An. D.* 1625, in which letter she write[s]¹ that she was under very great affliction to part with her dear son, who had been a great help to her, but was now going beyond sea,

¹ The *s* is erased, probably to alter the verb to the preterite "writ."

and write[s]¹ that her griefs and wants were more than she could express, her son and daughter Hanname with their children now lying upon her for maintenance till her husband could pay them her fortune, and her son Swift had sued her husband for that part of his wives portion which was not paid. With these afflictions she write[s]¹ that her grieved heart was much cast down.

[Account of children of Edward and Winifrid Willoughby. Hanname, who married the eldest(?) daughter, was "I think" a major in the king's service: they had many children, "but from them I think there now remains no descendants." Swift of Worcestershire, the husband of the other daughter, was ancestor of Swift, M.P. for Worcester for many years: "he dyed without heirs and so I think did the rest of her children." Thomas Willoughby, their son, was bred a Hamburg merchant.] "There is a letter still remaining in his grand-daughter's hands which he had writ to his wife, August the 25th, 1635, to desire her to receive 200*l.* then due to him and with it to pay severall small debts which he had left owing, which in all amounted to the sum of 206*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* This letter mentions his being then going to .. Italy and gives an account of yarn and of wine, in both of which, I believe, he traded. There is an account of his being unfortunate in his business and that after sustaining some great losses he went to the East Indies and dyed there. He married Elizabeth, the daughter of Robert Payne of Basingstoke, in the county of Southampton, who brought to him the inheritance of the mannor of Barton Stacy in that county, being in value about 600*li.* *per annum.* They had two sons and three daughters. The eldest daughter married Carpenter. Anne, the second daughter, married — Lassoe, a drugster on Cornhill. She had a daughter who dyed young and a son William, who married Jane Stokes, by whom he had a son Francis and four daughters: which five children he left at his death to the care of Mr. Edwards of Soho Square.

"Elizabeth, the third daughter of Thomas Willoughby, married Mr. Dards, an oyle man, but left no child.

"Edward Willoughby, the eldest son of Thomas, dyed unmarried by this accident: he was riding out to take the air with another gentleman, whose hat fell off. Mr. Willoughby by endeavouring to take it up fell off his horse and broke his neck and dyed upon the spot.

"Hugh Willoughby of Barton Stacy near Winchester in Hampshire, heir to his brother Edward, was a docter of Phisick. He married Rebecca, the daughter of Theophilus Pointer of Oxford, who was the son of — Pointer, who was Dean of Christ Church.² This Doctour Willoughby had a son that dyed unmarried at 25 years of age and three daughters; of which Rebecca, the eldest —. Elizabeth,

¹ The *s* is erased, probably to alter the verb to the preterite "writ."

² John Pointer was sub-dean of Christ Church from 1655 to 1662.

the second daughter of Dr. Willoughby, dyed young. Elizabeth, the third daughter, married Martin Wright, a counsellor, the eldest son of William Wright, a Welsh judg.

“Concerning Abigail, the fifth daughter of Sir Francis Willoughby.

“It appears by many of the old letters in the library that Abigail Willughby had the care of the house during her mother’s sickness and after her death.

“There is a letter from her to her sister Willoughby, dated from Packington, June the 12th, but not the date of the year. In this letter Abigail writ that she hoped since it had pleased God to take her mother that she would come to Wollaton in her turn. This she hoped that herself and brother would be willing to doe because there were many things which her wits would not serve her to name that would be spoyled for want of her help. She assured her from the bottom of her heart that it was not want of good will in her that they were not there at present. She desired her sister would joyn with her to thank God for their happy deliverance from all their troubles, and prays God to send them a happy meeting at Wollaton. In the postscript she writ that her mother had given her clock to Russell. Had it been in her power, she should have had it as willingly as she could desire it.

“There is a letter from Abigail Willoughby to her father to give him an account of keys, where they were, and also of those inventories which she had in keeping, and to let him know that the new napkins were at the weavers when he went up to London, and that there was a great bucke¹ of diaper and damask which had been ill washed laid in the diaper chest because they could not be washed again before he went to London. She concludes thus: ‘I leave Packington the 15th of June.’

“There is a letter from Sir Francis Willughby to his daughter Abigail in which he writes [desiring her to deliver to Nuport “the buttons set in a billiment and also the great pearl which your mother did wear in a necklace about her neck.” Dated at Sherfield, 13 August, 1595.]

“There is Abigail Willughby’s answer to this letter, in which she writes that she had sent the buttons that was upon the billiment, but the necklace which her mother used to wear was of two sorts of little pearl, laced with rubys or garnetts, and a diamond hanging down through the boots,² which was in a chest in his chamber, etc. [Dated 19 August, 1595.]

“Amongst the old papers I could not find any particular account of the time when Abigail Willughby married, but believe it was about two years after her father’s death. There is a book of Sir Percivall Willoughby’s accounts of money

¹ A washing-tub.

² Query meaning.

paid and received by him, in which there is set down 500*li.* paid in part of Abigail Willoughby's portion, February the 7th, *An. D.* 159, and that in April, 1599, he gave his sister Abigail a bond for a hundred pounds, and also that June the 15th, 1600, he gave her another bond for a hundred pounds. By this account book one may believe that she was married *An. D.* 1598. Her husband was William Pargiter, a Northamptonshire gentleman. [Abstracts of several letters from him to Lady Willoughby on business matters, etc.]

"Another sute he made Lady Willoughby in behalf of her son Henry, who was not only in want of maintenance, but also in want of liberty in respect of his engagements for his father, and tho' she had not a power to get him relieved from the latter, yet he desires her not to forget him for the former. He writ that what he desired was but ten pounds a quarter for his maintenance, which was as little as he could live upon.

"Greetworth was the name of Mr. Pargiter's house in Northamptonshire. They had five sons and four daughters. Dorothy, the eldest daughter, married — Kirby of Huntingtonshire and after his death her second husband was Sir John Washington of Northamptonshire. She had severall children, but they all dyed without leaving any children. Grace, the second daughter of Abigail Pargiter, married — Stratford of Merywell near Aderston in Warwickshire : by him she had six sons and three daughters, of which Grace, the eldest, married Mr. Rushton of Flower [= Flore] in Northamptonshire ; Abigail, the 2nd daughter, married Mr. Trotman of Warwickshire ; Dorothy, the youngest daughter, married Mr. Hood, a descendant from the famous Robin Hood, in Leicestershire. John, the eldest son of Grace Stratford, married the sister of Sir John Coomes of Davanry in Northamptonshire, by whom he had one son and two daughters : Grace, the eldest daughter, still lives unmarried ; Abigail, his second daughter, married Pilkington, the consull of Aleppoe, by whom she has four daughters.

"John, the only son of John Stratford, married Mrs. Free, the daughter of the governour of the company in Ham-borough [= Hamburg], by whom he has one son.

"Edward, the second son of Grace Stratford, married Mrs. Taylor of Ansty in Warwickshire, by whom he has one son and severall daughters. He is still living and very near 90 years of age.

"Robert, the 3d son of Grace Stratford, was settled in Ireland, where he married Mrs. Welsh and by her had two sons and seven daughters. Of which Grace, the eldest daughter, married Burton ; Mary, the second, married Mr. Pearss ; Elizabeth married Mr. Hickman ; Jane, the 4th, married Mr. Carlton ; Abigail, the 5th daughter, married Mr. Canning ; Catherine, the 6th, married Mr. Spencer, and Ann, the seventh daughter, married Mr. Eyre and is since dead.

“Edward, the eldest son of Robert and grandson of Grace Stratford, married Mrs. Beasley of Northamptonshire, by whom he had three sons and one daughter. His second wife is the daughter of Sir Morrice Eustace of Ireland; by this lady he has no child.

“Francis, the second son of Robert Stratford, married Mrs. Free, the eldest daughter of the governour of the company in Hamborough.

“William, Theadore and Francis, the three youngest sons of Grace Stratford, who was the daughter of Abigail Willughby, all dyed unmarried.

“Elizabeth, the third daughter of Abigail Willoughby (who married Will. Pargiter, Esq.) married Francis Smith of Worcestershire, by whom she had severall children, who dyed without leaving any children, and Ann, her daughter, now living. This Elizabeth Smith, who was the daughter of Abigail Willughby, lived to be 98 years of age, and not long before her death she was visited by her sister Abigail Hickman, who was then 88 years of age, and came to let her know that her sister Pargiter, who was then 94 years of age, was very well recovered from a fit of sickness.

“Ann, the daughter of this Mrs. Smith, married William Friend of Northamptonshire, by whom she had three sons and two daughters. Ann, her eldest daughter, married Mr. Delangley, by whom she had one daughter, who now survives her. Elizabeth, her second daughter, married Mr. Dobson, a drugster in Ireland: she is also dead and has left two daughters.

“Robert Friend, her eldest son, now doctor of divinity and master of Westminster School, married Mrs. Jane Delangley, by whom he has three sons.

“William Friend, her second son, a clergyman, had the good fortune to gain the 20,000*li.* prize in the lottery, *An. D.* ——. He married Brigit Glover, a minister’s daughter, by whom he has two daughters.

“John Friend, her third son, who is a doctour of Phisick, married Mrs. Ann Morrice, by whom he has one son John.

“Abigail, the fourth and youngest daughter of Abigail and William Pargiter, married William Hickman of Warwickshire. They had severall children that dyed and left no heirs, and a daughter Abigail, who never married; she is still living and about 83 years of age, but as active and gay as most young women. Charles Hickman, their third son, who was bishop of London-Derry, married Ann, the daughter of Sir Roger Burgoin, by whom he has left one only daughter Ann.

“Of the five sons of Abigail and William Pargiter Francis, the second, William, the third, Theadore, the fourth, and Ezekiel, the fifth son, all dyed unmarried.

“Robert, the eldest son, married Philipa Page, by whom he had eight sons, of which the seven youngest never married. The eldest son Sir William Pargiter married the widow of

Mr. Washington of Wiltshire ; by this lady he had one only daughter, who married Sir Henry Dearing ; by him she had no children. Her second husband was a younger brother of Sir Scroop How, by whom she had only one daughter Leonora, who married Peter Bathurst, the second son of Sir Benjamin and youngest brother of the present Lord Bathurst : she dyed *An. D.* 1720, and left three daughters, the youngest of which dyed soon after her mother. Francis, the eldest, and Leonora, the second, are still living.

“ Concerning Frances, the sixth daughter of Sir Francis Willughby.

“ There remains in the library at Wollaton but little account of this Frances Willughby, the youngest of Sir Francis’s six daughters, but by her own letters and some other letters which make mention of her one may believe that she strove to be her mother’s favoret and as a means to make herself so did help to aggravate those unhappy disputes which were in the family. But this course did not long keep her mother from using her with as much severity as the rest of her daughters, as appears by some of her letters, which are full of sad complaints of the hardships which her mother made her suffer. Her sisters, having, I believe, been before disobliged by her, were not very friendly to her under these misfortunes, and this prompted her to make friendships out of her own family and to goe away from Sir Francis and his lady unknown to either of them with Mr. John Drake. There remains in the library a letter which she writ to Sir Francis upon this occasion. Her letter is to this effect : that her mother’s cruelty to her had forced her to take this course, and tho’ she was sensible she ought not to accuse her mother, yet now such was her offence that only her mother’s wrongs could render her excusable and his knowing that she never used to displease him. She writ that Mr. Drake used her with great respect and took care to preserve her reputation and that her intention was to live for some time in his uncle Richard Drake’s house, whose wife had an extraordinary good character, and there she hoped to carry herself so well as to merit his pleasure. . . .

“ But by a letter from her to Sir Percivall Willoughby concerning some trouble she had about her fortune, one may believe she did not marry till some time after her father’s death. . . .

“ By many other letters one may believe that this Mountague Wood of Lamley was a very ill man as well as a very ill husband to this Frances Willoughby, who, I believe, married him while she was at Mr. Drake’s house. . . . There are many letters from her to her sisters which give an account of his barbarity to her, viz., that he had turned her out of doors, beat her, and made her suffer the want of necessarys for life, and other of her letters complain of the unkindness of his relations to her, so that, upon the whole, one may judg that she had a very miserable life.

“ It appears by an old writing that the mannor and Lordship of Lamly did belong to Sir Francis Willoughby, who left it to his lady (after[wards] Lady Wharton) for her life ; at her death it descended to the six daughters and co-heirs of Sir Francis Willoughby. The sixth part of that estate which fell to Brigit who was Sir Percivall Willoughby’s lady and Sir F. W.’s eldest daughter, her son Edward sold ; Henry Hastings sold his sixth part of the wood and wast grown[d] to John Wood ; the Lord Spencer sold his sixth part to Edward Willoughby, his brother-in-law, which with his own sixth part went to Edward, his grandson. William Pargiter sold his sixth part with the wood and wast grown[d] to severall persons.

“ Montieque Wood, Esq., and Frances, his wife, conveyed their sixth part of this mannor and lordship of Lamly to Francis Hawker, Esq., and George Lacock, gent., to the use of Henry Wood, Mary Wood, Abigail Wood, John Wood, Frances Wood, Elizabeth Wood and Edward Wood, the children of Mountague and Francis Wood. This writing shews that Wilsley Wright of Lamly married Mary Wood and purchased the parts of Henry Wood and John Wood, her brothers, and that Abigail Wood (since the Lady Darcy) conveyed her part to Elizabeth, her sister, who sold the same together with her own 6th part to Lawrence Palmer, clerk, and the wood and the wast ground she sold to John Wood, esq. . . .

“ Having finished what account I could find (from the old papers in the library at Wollaton) of Sir Francis Willoughby’s five younger daughters, before I return to Sir Percivall Willoughby and his lady and their perplexed affairs, I think it will be proper here to set down what accounts I have been able to find of the Willoughbys of Willoughby and Eresby in Lincolnshire, that being the family from whence Sir Percivall was descended.

[Account of Willoughbys d’Eresby down to Lord Robert, *tempp.* Edward I and II.]

[This volume of the Duchess Cassandra’s compilation came into the possession of Lord Middleton about twenty-five years ago. It contains these entries “ Hy Jn. Kearney, 1785,” and “ No. 43 Somerset St., Portman Square,” and, in a somewhat later hand, “ Miss Kearney.” The whereabouts of the second volume is unknown, but it was also in possession of Mr. Kearney, for Dr. Thomas Denman, *An Introduction to the Practise of Midwifery*, London, 1794, preface of vol. i, says, after giving some extracts from a MS. work on obstetrics by Dr. Percival Willoughby,¹ that (p. xl) “ By a manuscript in the possession of — Kearney, Esq., it appears that this Dr. Willoughby was one of the six sons of Sir Percival Willoughby, and grandson of Sir Francis, so famous in the time of Queen Elizabeth.” The MS. in question was printed under the title of *Observations in Midwifery. As also the*

¹ See *Dictionary of National Biography*, vol. lxii., p. 167.

Country Midwives Opusculum or Vade Mecum. By Percivall Willughby, Gentleman. Edited from the Original MS. by Henry Blenkinsop, F.R.C.S.E., etc. Warwick, Printed at the Shakespeare Printing Press, High Street, by H. T. Cooke and Son, 1863.

The editor of this rare book¹ seems to have had access to the second volume of the Duchess Cassandra's work, as appears from the following quotations (page v) :

["We have not been able to procure any information respecting the early life of Percival Willughby, except that he received a first class education, the expence of which his father could ill afford ; and that he was a lad of great industry. Percival and his brothers, Thomas and Henry, were first sent to school at Trowbridge, and from thence were removed to Rugby. They were afterwards removed to Eton, and finally, all three were sent to complete their education at Oxford. The master of the school at Rugby wrote several letters to Sir Percival, in which he commended them all for their great industry. These particulars appear in a MS. account of the Willughby family, formerly in the library at Stowe, written by Cassandra Willughby, the second wife of James, the first duke of Chandos. This MS. in so far as it relates to our author Percival, appears to have been compiled from letters (p. vi) and papers which were in the library at Wollaton, and we extract from it the following interesting particulars :

["While Sir Percival was thus grievously oppressed with the want of money, his son Henry, and his son Percival (who were at Trinity College, in Oxford) suffered under the same calamity.

["There are, in the library at Wollaton, several letters written from Oxford, by Percival Willughby to his father, in which he very generously expressed his concern for the expence which Sir Percival was at, to maintain him at Oxford, and his desire to free him from that charge.

["There is a letter from him to Sir Percival, dated January, 1619[-20], in which he writ that now a fair opportunity offered itself, for his uncle Robert Willughby had proposed his being placed with Mr. Feames Van Otten who, for a hundred pounds, offered to keep him seven years, and to teach him Music, Physic, and Surgery ; and had promised to use him like a son, maintain him like a gentleman, and allow him the free use of his study, and to teach him the secrets of physic : that under him he should have time for his own private studies, and to keep his public exercises as before. And after this, his uncle Robert had promised that he should live with him, and that he would bring him into his business.

¹ The Inspector is indebted for access to this publication to Dr. William Osler, Regius Professor of Medicine in the University of Oxford. The work is interesting to the layman for the glimpses it affords of seventeenth century life. It is, according to Dr. Osler, an important work in the history of English medicine.

[“ ‘ In other letters, Percival Willughby earnestly pressed his father to consent to this offer, and not to scruple his being so placed, as thinking it an undervaluing of him, for, with God’s blessing, he did not doubt but the profession of Physic would make him more happy than his two eldest (p. vii) brothers ; and by the help of that practice, he believed he should never stand in need of them, but he questioned not that they would stand in need of him.

[“ ‘ It appears by the old papers that Sir Percival was at last prevailed upon by his son, and did consent to send him for seven years to this famous person, Mr. Feames Van Otten, who used Percival Willughby with great kindness, but died before his time was out. There is a very melancholy letter from him to Sir Percival, upon the death of Mr. Feames Van Otten, in which he grievously lamented the loss of such a master.

[“ ‘ This Percival Willughby so well improved himself in the time he served so good a master, that he soon took his Doctor’s degree, and became a very eminent Physician.

[“ ‘ He married the daughter of Sir Francis Coke, of Trusley, A.D. 1631, and settled himself in Derby town, where he practiced Physic, and lived in great repute, till he was near ninety years of age. He had by this wife two or three sons, who all died unmarried, and two daughters, the eldest of which married Mr. Hart, and the younger married Mr. Burton, of Derby.

[“ ‘ Henry was not so fortunate as his younger brother, Percival, who, by his practice, gained such an income, as allowed him to live with great plenty, but Henry, who studied the law, did not live to reap much profit by it ; after following that study at Oxford, he removed to the Inward Temple, and, from thence, he writ a great many very melancholy letters to Sir Percival, his father, which still remain in the Library at Wollaton.’ ”]

APPENDIX.

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The deed of exchange between Robert Belet, son of William Belet, and Ralph Belet, his uncle, is probably dated too early, for there is an indenture in the same handwriting, dated in 1229 "ad proximum *hokadai* post Pascha," between the said Robert Belet, son of William Belet, and Sir Ralph Belet, his uncle, whereby Robert demises for seven years his portion of the meadow called "xij. acres," saving the third of Mabel, late the wife of Robert Belet, his grandfather. Witnesses: Robert de Wermewelle, Philip German, William Lude, Richard de Musteirs, Adam Schirard, and William Cup.

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Since this page was in type the New Palaeographical Society has published (plates 158, 159) facsimiles of a single leaf of an uncial bible in the British Museum (Add. MS. 37777), ascribed to "about A.D. 700-715," containing a portion of the Book of Kings (III. xi., 29-xii. 18), which agrees so closely with the Wollaton leaves (which are also from the Book of Kings) that the conclusion seems inevitable that they both once formed part of the same MS. bible. Mr. C. H. Turner has illustrated the importance and interest to biblical students and palaeographers of the British Museum leaf and its relationship to the famous Codex Amiatinus at Florence,¹ which was presented to Pope Gregory II by Ceolfrid, abbot of Jarrow and Wearmouth. It has been suggested by Canon Greenwell that the leaf came from one of the two copies prepared at the same time by order of Ceolfrid for presentation to the sister-monasteries of Jarrow and Wearmouth. The British Museum leaf and the ten leaves at Wollaton agree in the size of the parchment, the size and arrangement of the columns and lines, the handwriting, the ruling, the absence of punctuation (except later punctuation in one of the Wollaton leaves), the character of the headline "Malachim," its position on the page and its occurrence only on the right side of each leaf, the writing of the first line of each chapter in red, the rubrication (even to the alteration of the chapter-numbers in a later hand² and the character of the curled lines in red indicating the position of the numbers in the text). In the Wollaton leaves the sacred monogram, the "chrismon," (formed of the letters X and P) occurs with *a* and *ω* at its

¹ *Journal of Theological Studies*, 1909, p. 530 sqq.

² Probably by the late thirteenth century scribe who has written in red ink at the end of the third book in the Wollaton leaves: "Explicit Regum liber tercius. Incipit liber quartus."

sides in red at the end of the third book, and a large initial P is written in black ink with a single row of red dots running up the centre of the upright stroke, the curved part, and the front curl or serif.

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“The copy of the kynges letters of grete tythynges.” The original letter of which this is a translation must have been despatched from Rome early in March, 1492, although part of it may have been written before. The treaty between the pope and the king of Naples was concluded on 28 January,¹ and the marriage of the king of France with Ann of Brittany was celebrated on 6 December, 1491. The report of a project for the marriage of Philip of Burgundy with Elizabeth, daughter of Duke George of Bavaria, belongs to a slightly earlier date, for the preliminary contract was signed on 11 October, 1491.² The scheme fell through, and proposals for a marriage between Philip and a daughter of Ferdinand and Isabella, suggested by the threatening growth of French power, began to take shape early in 1492.³ The writer of this letter seems to have been unaware of this change in the matrimonial project. During the writing of the letter the writer received King Henry’s letters relating to the sees of Bath and Chester (p. 261). The king wrote to the pope regarding the see of Coventry, Lichfield and Chester on 8 December, 1491.⁴ On the same day the king addressed a letter to the pope regarding the proceedings of the French.⁵ The city of Granada capitulated on 2 January, 1492, but the news did not reach Rome until the beginning of February, and the pope attended a thanksgiving service on the fifth,⁶ which is referred to in the letter. The latest event recorded is the discovery of a portion of the Holy Cross in the church of Santa Croce di Gerusalemme at Rome (p. 261), which was made a few days (*superioribus diebus*) before 12 March.⁷ The letter, which makes no mention of the solemn service held in the church in connexion with this discovery on 12 March, must have been despatched from Rome before this date, for on 6 April “was shewed by my Lord of Caunterbury, chaunceler of England, how the kyng of Spayn had conquerid the cyte and contre of Grenade, and aftir was there a solempne procession generall and a noble sermoun. And after *Te Deum* solempnely song in Saint Powles quyre, and in the said sermone was shewed that the same yere in

¹ Ferdinand Gregorovius, *Geschichte der Stadt Rom im Mittelalter*, ed. 3, vii, 294.

² Heinrich Ulman, *Kaiser Maximilian I. auf urkundlicher Grundlage dargestellt*. Stuttgart, 1884, i, 241, note 3.

³ *Ibid.*, i, 241.

⁴ *Calendar of State Papers, Venetian*, i, 209.

⁵ *Ibid.*, 207.

⁶ *Johannis Burchardi Diarium, sive Rerum Urbanarum Commentarii, 1483–1506*, ed. L. Thuasne, Paris, 1883, i, 445.

⁷ *Ibid.*, i, 449.

Rome was founden in an old wall a pese of the Holy Crosse.”¹ These announcements are evidently derived from this letter.

The ambassadors of the English king in the papal court about this time were John de Sherwood, bishop of Durham, who had served in that capacity under Richard III,² and John de Gigliis of Lucca, who was appointed on 15 July, 1490.³ Sherwood was in England at the time when this letter was sent from Rome, being in London in February.⁴ He was at Pavia on his way back to Rome on 21 May,⁵ and entered Rome solemnly on 14 June.⁶ Thus it seems clear that John de Gigliis, who subsequently became bishop of Worcester, was the writer of this letter. This conclusion is confirmed by the writer's reference to “Sebastiane, my cosyn” (p. 261), for that is an unlikely English Christian name, and a Sebastian de Gigliis, also of Lucca, received letters of denization on 25 October, 1491.⁷

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This strange “prognostication,” which purports to have been drawn up in 1431, would seem to have been written in 1491. From its entry in the present register it must have reached Burton before the death of abbot Thomas Field on 2 July, 1493.⁸ It must be earlier than death of Pope Innocent VIII on 25 July, 1492, since it foretells his death in the following year. It is altogether at sea regarding the course of events in 1492, such as the result of King Henry's invasion of France. The prophesy of the capture of Granada might have been safely made at the end of 1491. This may therefore be the “prognosticacion” that was brought to King Henry on 8 January, 1492.⁹

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Although the document from fo. 42 is entitled “The Copy of the Kynges Commission,” it is clear that it is not the commission, but a memorandum drawn up to shew the advantages that were expected to accrue from the erection of the Staple of metals. As the erection of this Staple has received little or no attention from economical or other historians, it has been deemed advisable to print the memorandum in full. It should be dated in 1492, for on 1 April in that year the king

¹ London Chronicle in Cott. MS. Vitellius A XVI, in *Chronicles of London* ed. by C. L. Kingsford, Oxford, 1905, p. 197. From this Chronicle it was taken into Halle's *Chronicle*, fo. xxij, verso, Holinshed, 1585, iii, 772b, and Stow, *Annals*, 1592, p. 792.

² P. S. Allen, “Bishop Shirwood of Durham and his Library,” in *English Historical Review*, xxv, p. 447.

³ *Calendar of State Papers, Venetian*, i, 192.

⁴ Allen, p. 452.

⁵ *Calendar of State Papers, Venetian*, i, 212.

⁶ Burchard, i, 489.

⁷ Patent Roll, 7 Henry VII, pars unica, mem. 32.

⁸ ‘Chronica Abbatum de Burton,’ in *Monasticon*, iii, p. 47.

⁹ ‘Privy Seal Expenses of Henry VII,’ in Bentley's *Excerpta Historica*, London, 1833, p. 88.

ordained by letters patent¹ that, owing to the neglect of merchants to take lead, etc. to Calais in accordance with the privileges of the merchants of the Staple of Calais, the Staple of copper and lead and all other metals found in England, Ireland, and Wales and the Isle of Wight should be held at Southampton, with the exception of lead found in Derbyshire, which might be carried at pleasure to York or Southampton. William Dalton, a Southampton merchant of the Staple, was created mayor of the Staple of metals for six years, and he and the constable and merchants of the said Staple were to be the commissaries and governors of the mines, with power to change the Staple to any more suitable place by the advice of the Lord Chancellor. There are many other clauses in the letters patent, most of which are represented in the memorandum. On 24 June a proclamation to carry into effect the provisions was ordered by letters patent to be made throughout the realm.²

“The Copy of the Kinge’s Commission.

“Thes articles folowyng conteyne and shewe a grete parte of the commodites and profettes that may growe by the staple of mettalles late ordeigned and establisshed by the kyng oure sover[ail]gne lorde under his lettres patentes, sealed with his grete seale of Englande, with the grete avayle also lyke to growe of silver mynes, th’establisshing and ordinaunce of which staples shalbe both honour and profette to the kinges highnes and to the* universall wele and incesse of alle his subyettes, lyke herafter it may evydently appere.

“First, the settinge on werke the idulle peopulle of the realme that shall labour in the said mynes shalbe a grete essewinge³ of thefte, robbery and other mysrewles, which shalbe a goode and a meritorius dede.

“Also the continuall wirkyng of the saide mynes shalle dayly renew as welle golde and silver oute of the same as lede, tynne and copere, and thereby shalbe brought in to the realme bothe golde, silver, or ware to the value.

“Also the contynuyng of the same mynes shalle for the kynges parte be a grete advauntage as welle of his parte that commyth owte of the grounde, the which is the xvj^{te} parte of the golde and silver fyned,⁴ as when it is in the marchaundes handes to be utterde over the see, that is to witte, of alle the marchaundes so to be caried, of a denysen xij*d.* of the *li.* and of a stranger x*v.* of the *li.*, except tynne, wherof the

¹ Patent Roll, 7 Henry VII, pars unica, mem. 8.

² *Ibid.*, mem. 7*d.* : R. Steele, *Calendar of Stuart Proclamations*, Oxford, 1910, no. 19. The “proclamation for the mynes of gold, silver and other metals” was despatched on 1 July to Warwick, Huntingdon, Stamford, and other places (‘Privy Purse Expenses of Henry VII,’ in Bentley’s *Excerpta Historica*, London, 1833, p. 90).

³ ‘Eschewing,’ avoidance or preventive.

⁴ Refined.

straungers duety is to pay to the king of every xxs. in value ijs. iij*d.* for his custome and subcide.¹

“ Also the lorde of the grounde where any suche silver myne shalbe labourede shalle have a grete avauntage of the xv^{te} part of the ore that commys owte of the myne, where at this day yai have no thyng, by cause the saide silver mynes lye unwrought and be not occupied.²

“ A[ll]so the tynne wyrkers shall have also a grete profite, for where yai have bene glade a fore tyme to selle yaire tynne before hande, to yaire grete losse and hynderyng, be cause yai be not able ne of powere to kepe yaire tynne unto the tyme of the coynage,³ neverthelesse the tynne wirkers by thes estaples⁴ shall have for every c.⁵ tynne of the best xxij*s.* and other slaythere⁶ after the rate of olde tynne⁷ usede, beside the coynage, and the marchaundes to feteche it at the places of the coynage. And for as mucche tynne as the tynners cann gete and bryng to the saide coynages⁸ to have contentacion therfor, and that price to contynew goode chepe and dere in warre and pease, where by the tenners shall have a grete profyte, and all lede myners after the same, as in the lettres patentes is expressed.

“ Also the marchaundes of the saide staples shalle also have grete profyte by meane of the same, for ther shall nother tynne ne lede be caryed oute of the realme bot it shalbe first stapled at one of the staples, and so the marchaunt shall have the tynne for xxij*s.* the c. and the coynage at the most is iiij*s.* that is xxvj*s.* of the c. And the price of the staple shalbe xls. the c., so that the marchaunt shall geyne and wynne the iij^{de} penny, that is to witte l*l.* of the c*l.* in marchaundise.

“ Also the marchauntes shall have grete profite by the silver mynes, where that every marchaunt shalbe bounde to expende xl*l.* in the myne, and with [that] mony x. p[ou]ndes the myne must nedes be wonne; and so shall the king have the xvj^{te} part of the silver fyned, and the marchaunt for his costes the xv^{te} partes, and the lordes of the grounde the xv^{te} part of the ore, and the marchauntes the xiiij^{te} partes for yaire costes and labure, wherby the marchauntes must also have a profyte.

“ Also the peauterers⁹ shalle also mow¹⁰ selle peautere vesselle at a metely price, for yai shall have the tynne, as mucche as yai wille bye and occupy, to serve the londe¹¹ at the

1 Subsidy.

2 Made use of.

3 The official stamping of the blocks of tin. See *New English Dictionary*, s.v. ‘Coinage’, 4.

4 Staples.

5 Hundredweight.

6 Sorts, kinds?

7 An error for ‘tyme’?

8 The towns where the official stamping of the tin was done.

9 Pewterers.

10 An error for ‘now’?

11 The country or realm.

price that the marchaunt shall by it, so that the saide peauterers feche it at the coynage, as in the said lettres patentes it is expressede, and lede to be occupyed within the londe,¹ and in lyke forme and maner to be bought and fechet ther as it groweth.

“Also the ceties, burghes and townnes where thies staples shalbe kepped shalbe enryched be meane of the same staple as welle in shippes as in habitaunces.²

“Also the derrer that alle suche commoditees that groweth or his gotten within the realme and oute of the grounde [be] solde for an highe price, the more profyte must nedes growe to the kyng and the hole lande, as every man may parfytely knowe.

“Also that no persone take upon hym to dygge or wasshe for golde or silver withoute knowlage gevyng to the governoures of the saide staple, for yf he do it³ is forfette, halfe to the king and halfe to the fynder, as app[e]areth in the saide lettres patentes.

“Also that if any personn or personns take upon yaim to dygge or wasshe for golde or silver withoute licens of the forsaide governowres, and it withdrawe and bryng it not in to the saide staple that the kyng may be aunswared of his right, the mayre and counsels of the same staple hath power to punysch the mysdoers in such forme and maner as the mayre and aldermen of Calice use to punyssh felawes⁴ and man quellers;⁵ wherfor it is gode that every mann see wysely how he demeneth hym self in medlyng with suche thynges as to this estaple belongeth, on lesse⁶ that he be a marchaunt of the same staple. Bot a marchaunt admyttede into the fredome of the saide staple shalle know moo⁷ grete profytes than here is shewed or opened.⁸ And he that is wilyng to have parfyte knowlage of more than is here in conteynede, lat hym see the proclamacion, and there he shall fynde more parfyte knowlage, and the hole knowlege in the kinges lettres patentes.

“And over this the kyng oure soverayne lorde wolle[th] and graunteth that if ther be any person or personns willing to be admytted a merchaunt of the forsaide staples, to come ore sende to the said mayre or to his assignes betwene this and the last day of August next commyng, shalle pay xls. to the saide mayre, and yai shalbe admytted for marchauntes, and yaire names regestrede; and that as many as shalle come after the saide last day of August to be admytted a marchaunt of the saide staples shalle pay for yaire⁹ entre as by the saide marchaundes shalbe extemed.¹⁰

¹ The country or realm.

² Inhabitants.

³ That is the gold or silver so found by him.

⁴ An error for ‘felons.’

⁵ Slayers of men, homicides.

⁶ Unless.

⁷ More.

⁸ Manifested.

⁹ Their.

¹⁰ Estimated, assessed.

“ And for be cause the saide mayre hath to doo for the orderyng of the same staples, that if he be absent at any tyme before the said laste day of August, where any person or personnes wolde pay yaire money and to be admittede in his absens, it is appoynted that yai bryng yaire money and yaire names to thes places and persons aftere wrettyng, to witte : In London to John’ Bracebrige or John’ Bradman. In the West cuntrey to the prioure of Plumton. In Bristowe to John’ Esterfeld. In Laycestre to the mayre. In West Chestre¹ to the mayre. In Yorke to the mayre or to Sir Richard York, knight. In the Newe Castelle opon Tyne to the mayre.”

1406[-7], March 19. Will of Sir William Percy. “ En noun de Dieu, Seynt Marie Sa mere, et de toutz Seyntez ! le xiiij^{me} jour de le kalendys de April, l’an de grace et de Dieu M’CCCC.VJ. Jeo Will[iam] Percy, chivaler, en sayne memoire, jeo devise ma alme a Dieu et a Sa mere et a toutz seyntes, et mon corps estre enterré deyns le esglise de Wodemancote. Item jeo devyse al cathedral esglise de Cicestre, xls. Item jeo devyse al esglise de Wodemancote, xiijs. iiij^d. Item jeo voile que une fenestre que ore est comencé depart le *north* de dit esglise seit parfourné de mez biens. Item jeo devyse a William, parson du dit esglise, xxs. Item jeo devyse al covent de la priorie de Lewes en almoyn[e], x. marc. Item jeo devyse al covent des Freris de Shorham, xls. Item jeo devyse a William fitz monser de Ponynges, x. marc. Item jeo voile et devyse qe [le] residue de toutz mes biens, vives et mort, apres mez dettes et ma volunte parfournéz, remaynount a Marie, ma compagne. En (*sic*) parfournier de mon devyse et de ma volunté, jeo ordeyne et devyse mez executours monser Robert de Ponynges, Gilbard, parson de Ebarton, et Marie, ma compagne.”

[Proved on 2 July, 1407, before Roger, rector of the parish church of Ponyngg, diocese of Chichester, the commissary specially appointed in this behalf by John Perche, clerk, registrar of the court of Canterbury, in the parish church of Wodemancote, in the said diocese, with grant of administration to the aforesaid by the said registrar on 9 July.]

1558, June 18.—LETTERS OF THE SIGNET OF QUEEN MARY
to ———.

“ Marye the quene.

By the Quene.

“ Trusty and welbeloved, we grete you well.

“ And whereas the presente state in which we nowe stande, being in warres with our auncient enemies the Frenche and Scottes, hathe moved us to have a speciall care to the defence of this our realme and our lovinge subjectes of the same, for which cause we have not onely appointed our lieutenantes in sondry shires, but also by them taken further order for putting all thinges undre their charges in such a readines as apperteinethe.

¹ Chester.

“ We let you wit that, mynding also to have a sufficient strength especially of horsemen put in a readines to defende our borders of the Northe against th’enemy there being ayded by the Frenche, we have for that purpose addressed our lettres to sondry of our nobilitie and gentlemen and appointed the like, as by thies we do appoynt you to put in ordre and a readines one hable man sufficiently furnished with horse and armour for a demylance. Requiring you therefore as we specially trust you to followe th’execution of this our pleasour and to have the same demylance in a perfecte readines by the xvijth day of July next ensuyng, at which day he shall shewe hymself before our right trusty and right welbeloved cousin and counsailour the Marques of Wynchester, high treasurer of England, our lieutenant of that our countre of Warwicke, or his deputie, in such place as he or his said deputy shall appoynt, and there receive ordre and further knowlege of our said lieutenant, or his deputy, of his setting forthe and whither he shall repayre ; at which place so signefied unto hym he shall receive cote and conducte money by our appoyntment. And suche ordre as shalbe by our said lieutenant, or his deputy, given, our pleasour and comaundement is you see observed aswell as yf it were expressed in thies our lettres. Whereof faile you not as ye tendre our pleasure and will answeare for the contrary.

“ Yeven under our Signet at our manour of St. James, the xvijth of June, the fourth and fiveth yeres of our reignes.”¹ 24.

1597, June 2.—PERCIVAL WILLOUGHBY to WILLIAM CECIL, LORD BURGHLEY.

“ Righte honourable, my humble dutie remembred.

“ Being lately advertised of your Lordship’s harde conceipte of me, towching the writte of searche broughte againste the Lady Wyllughby ;² I thoughte it my dutie, for your honour’s better satisfaccion therein, to signifie unto your Lordship, that there was not any violence or mysdemeanour whatsoever commytted in the execucion thereof, the sherifes of London theimselves being bothe of them present (as they are and wilbe readie to certifie your honour), and Sir Michaell Molyns and bothe the Ladies being firste acquaynted therewithall, and thereupon seemed not to have, nor had, any juste cawse of discontentment : And for myne owne parte, I nether did nor desired any thinge to be doone in that behalfe, but which by good advise and due course of lawe mighte be doone in suche a case ; being the rather incited thereunto, for that Sir Mychaell Molyns, (as by sufficient prooffe I made it knowen to the judges of the common pleas) had practised with a gentlewoman in Nottinghamshier to exchaunge a sonne of hers (if neede weare) for a daughter of the

¹ The flysheet with the address has been torn away. ² Cf. page 582, above.

said Lady Wyllughbyes; which practise of his, howe daungerous it mighte have proved to me (as my case stood), I leave it to your honorable censure and consideracion; humbly beseeching your Lordship that whatsoever myne adversaries shall upon a malignant spleene and spirit in this sorte untrewly suggest againste me, your honour will vouchesafe to suspende your harde opinion of me till suche tyme, as by my carriage in the Common Wealthe, I shall deserve the contrarie.

It pleased your Lordship of your honorable remembrance to speake of the twoo names of the Wyllughbyes, th'one in Dorcetschier, th'other in Kente, of bothe which howses then matching together I am nowe leafte a poor remnaunte, so that if your Lordship for any former regarde whatsoever doo reteyne any sparke of affeccion towards their names, I truste your Lordshipp will the rather for their sakes vouchesafe me your honorable favour and patronage in any my honest and lawfull accions, tendenge to the recoverie of their ruinated howses, to which it was their meaning that in farre better sorte I sholde have succeded them. I am sorie that it is my harde fortune, being the laste of so worthie and memorable a howse, to be nowe exposed to suche a multitude of myseries by Sir Frauncis Wyllughbyes deathe, whoe, promysing and intending my advaancement in marrying with his eldest daughter, hath leafte me charged with dyvers greate annuities, 6,000 markes for three of the youngest daughters porcions, and with 8,000*li.* of principall debte att the leaste, besides other collaterall bondes and statutes of infinite value; leaving me onely (all deduccions made) not above *iiij.c.li.* yerely revenewe, towards the undertaking of so greate a burthen.

“But the greater my distresse is the greater cawse I have to implore your honourable commiseracion, for which I shalbe bound to reteyne a thankefull remembrance thereof during my lyfe, and to delyver it successively to my posteritie for tyme to come.

“The Lady Wyllughby (as upon her mocion it seemed good to your honour) hath (as I understande) gotten the commission for finding the office¹ after Sir Fraunces deathe into Dorcettshier, a place farre distant and remote from my dwelling and counsell, and where no tenure can be founde: so that thereby I shalbe dryven (to my greate travell and charge) to bringe another commission into Nottinghamshier, being th'onely place where any lande is of the tenure *in capite* or of Her Majestie which was late Sir Fraunces Wyllughbyes, and for which I muste sue my liverie. My humble suite therefore is that, for the easing of my said travell and charge, your Lordship wilbe pleased that I may joyne with her in commission for Nottinghamshier, or in any other countie neerer adjoining, as to your Lordship shall seeme beste. And

¹ The inquisition *post mortem*.

I shall thinke myself deeply bounde to your Lordship therein, resting allwayes att your honours devocion whylest I lyve.

“ And as righte humbly take my leave.

“ Lyncolnes Inne Graunge, this seconde of June, 1597.

“ Your honour’s humbly to commaunde,

“ PER. WYLLUGHBYE.”

[*Endorsed* :] “ To the righte honourable, my verie goode lorde William, Lorde Burghley, Lorde Highe Treasourour of England.”

[*Endorsed* :] “ 2 Junii, 1597.”

“ Mr. Percivall Willoughby.

“ I shalbe content to heare any mocion in the Court of Wardes to morrow, towching this request. ¹And uppon profe of Sir Michaell Molyns practise I will chaunge my opynion.

“ W. BURGHLEY.” 24.

[1597,] ——. [PERCIVAL WILLOUGHBY] to [WILLIAM CECIL, LORD BURGHLEY]. (Draught.)

“ R[ight] ho[nourable] my humble dutie remembred ; I make myself bolde (humbly craving pardon) to implore the honourable contynuaunce of your Lordship’s favour in recommending my former suite to Mr. Secretarie, towching the wardship of the landes of Sir Fraunces Wyllughbyes yongest daughter ; being the rather incited thereunto, for that I finde the nowe Ladie Wharton, the mother thereof, to be my earnest competitour therein, suggesting many thinges altogether untrue, to withholde the same from me, and thereby to procure it unto herself ; which if your honourable Lordship doo not helpe to prevente, my estate is farre more miserable then ever it was,² I shall hardlye be able ever to free my poore estate, or to make any dewe satisfaction to Sir Fra[n]cis’s] so many creditors. For she, which was so unkynde a wyfe to so over loving a husbnde, as having absolutely contryved and gotten to herself and her heires the greatest parte of his landes, colde not afforde his dead corps the leaste parte of those rightes and obsequies which weare due to suche a man ; and hath bin so harde a stepmother to his children, as firste to withdrawe his fatherly affeccion from them in his lyfe tyme, to be a straunger, or rather an enemy, unto them since his deathe, and nowe of late [sought] by Sir My[c]hell Molins meanes³ to invegle the yongest of them with faire promises of advauncement to come up to London, and within theis iiij^{or} or fyve dayes to bestowe her in marriage upon an apprentice or petti merchant of lytle worthe ; she that hath in so many thinges

¹ This clause is an addition, written, like the rest of the note, in Burghley’s hand.

² The words “ my estate is farre more miserable then ever it was ” are cancelled.

³ The words “ by Sir My[c]hell Molins meanes ” are interlined.

(not unknown to the worlde) since her firste meeting with Sir Fraunces soughte the subvercion and overthrewe of his howse and name. What I may then looke for att her handes (if I be should be any waye¹ subjecte to her malice² whom she holdeth her professed enemy,³ your Lordship in your honourable wysdome and consideracion may easily conjecture. And therefore humbly craving your Lordship's honourable care of my releife herein, doo still rest your Lordship's in all dutie and devocion and so righte humbly take my leave." . 24.

1606, June 4.—Marriage settlement between Nicholas Strelley, son and heir of Sir Philip Strelley of Strelley, Notts, and Bridget, daughter of Sir Percival Willoughbie of Wollaton, Notts. 179.

1644, September 6.—Award by James Chadwick, the umpire, agreed upon by the parties to an action of trespass in the King's Bench, which was ready for trial at the last assizes held at Nottingham, between Huntingdon Shaw, plaintiff, and Francis Price, defendant, concerning a trespass supposed to be committed in a close called Beller Close in Sutton Passes, co. Nottingham, wherein Sir Francis Willoughby and the inhabitants and parishioners of Radford are chiefly concerned, and also concerning all other controversies between Sir Francis and the inhabitants, concerning the parish or "constabery" of Radford. The umpire awards (1) that the action shall wholly cease, and that the defendants shall give to the plaintiff 12*d.* in full satisfaction, and that the plaintiff shall then make to them a sufficient release in law of the action; (2) and the umpire declares that it plainly appears by sufficient testimony, both of records and otherwise, that Sutton Passes is within the parish of Radford and the precincts thereof; (3) and that it likewise appears that Sutton Passes is within the "constabery" of Woollaton and the jurisdiction thereof. He orders that this declaration shall be entered upon record at the next general Quarter Sessions at the joint charge of the parties, so that the several and respective "leyes" and assessments may be assessed, levied and paid accordingly, that is for the "ancient constable leayes" with relation to the extent of the "constabery" of Wollaton and other assessments with relation to the parish of Radford. 24.'

BOOKS.

A parchment volume, measuring 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ by 16 $\frac{5}{8}$ inches, in modern binding, written in a hand of *circ.* 1400, with illuminated borders and initials, including large drawing of Noah's ark according to St. Augustine and according to others,

1 The words "should be in any way" are interlined.

2 The word "malice" is interlined.

3 The words "whom she holdeth her professed enemy" are cancelled.

containing John of Trevisa's English translation of Higden's *Polychronicon*, ending in 1357. Ends: "pis translacion is i-ended in a þorsday þe eiȝt day of Averyl, þe ȝere of oure Lord a þousand foure score and seven, þe tenþe ȝere of kyng Richard þe Secounde after the Conquest of Engelond." At the end is written in a hand of the middle of the sixteenth century: "Mester gabryell Barwyke. Alys Jeaycotte."

A fifteenth century MS. on parchment of Lydgate's translation of Sir John Bochas's Book of Princes, with inscription at the end: "Syr Henry Wylloghby, knyght bannret in hast be thys delyvvyrt at medultun."

A copy of the Sarum Antiphonale, in folio, in original binding of wooden boards, leather covered, protected by overhanging cover of double white buckskin, through which the brass bosses go. The book is somewhat decayed through damp. Folio 180 *verso*: "[A]ntiphonarii ad usum Sar' volumen [secundum] vulgo pars estivalis nuncupata. [Ve]rnalis habetur Londinii a Francisco [Byrekm]an in cimiterio sancti Pauli." Colophon: "[Impre]ssum est hoc preclarum opus in alma [Parisi]orum Acade[m]ia per vvolffgangum hopylium impensis Francisci [Byreckman] ciuis] Coloniensis. Anno post incarnationem dni. millesimo [quingentesimo] vicesimo."¹ Added in ink: "[Giv]yn by* Ser' Henry Wyloughby knyght and [banneret to] his Chapell' of Saynt Thomas ll' to remayne and he or sche y intendyng not to bryng yt [back again] hawe Christys ewrs Saynt Thoms. . . . holly Chyrchys. Amen. Amen. Amen."

At fo. 161 were discovered two fragments, measuring 2 $\frac{7}{8}$ by 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches, inclusive of a margin of slightly over one inch in width, written in a hand of *circ.* 1300, which had been used as patches, but had been detached through damp, containing the following lines. They form part of the Life of St. Bridget, ascribed to Robert of Gloucester in Hardy, *Descriptive Catalogue of Materials relating to the History of Great Britain and Ireland*, i, p. 111. This life is really a part of the great Southern English Legendary (*cf.* C. Horstmann, *Altenglische Legenden*, Neue Folge, Heilbronn, 1881, p. xlv), which has not yet been printed.

BRIGID.

A servant he hadde in is hous . Brochseth was hur' name
 pis Duptac bysoȝte hure . of lechorie and ssame.
 En hure he byȝat a child . in spousbruche and with wou.
 þo is owe wif hit underȝet . sorry he was ynou.
 Mest heo dradde hure of þat child . þat hit ssolde so wel
 yþe

¹ See Francis Procter and Christopher Wordsworth, *Breviarium ad usum insignis Ecclesie Sarum, fasciculus III*, Cambridge, 1886, p. lv.

To sormonte hure owe children . hor maister vor to be.
 þervore heo criede on hure loved . to boe ywar byvore
 And sulle out of londe þe servant . ar þat child were ybore.
 þes hosebonde nolde hit grante noȝt . vor he hadde loþe
 it do.

þis wif cride niȝt and day . ȝyf heo myȝte hit bringe þerto
 So þat hit fel þer afterward . þat þis hosebonde
 Wyþ his servante alone wende . in a cart over londe.

A chantor was [in] þulke stude . as were by olde dawe.
 As our Lovedr hit wolde, by is hous . þe cart gan evene
 drawe.

He sat and hurde hou þis cart . by ys gate wende.
 Anon he clupede on his men . and hasteliche out sende.
 “Lokeþ ” he sede hasteliche . “ wat þing is þat ich yhure !
 Vor þe son of þulke woeles . is under a god creature,
 þe nobloste creature . is wiþinne þulke tre
 þat is nouþe in eny londe . lokeþ wat hit bee ! ”
 þe ne fo[n]d by in þis cart . na mo bote hom to.

Vor þis womman ssal a doȝter bere . þat ssyne ssal so clere
 Among alle þat on erþe beþ . in as cler manere
 As among alle oþer sterren . þe sonne briȝte is,
 Also ssal heo án erþe ssyne . among oþer men ywis.
 In a god tyme ȝo worþ ybore . and wonderlich also
 Vor noþer wiþinne hous ne wiþoute . þe dede worþ ydo.

Duptac was þo douterles . vor he [na]dde never er none.
 Joyvol he was and glad ynou . vor he behet hure one.
 Suppe hit byvel þer afterward . þat on oþer enchanteor
 wend[e].

And of Duptac boȝte þis servante . as oure Lovedr grace
 sende.

Vor þe wyf nolde nevere fine . ar it were þerto ybroȝt.
 Ac þe child þat was in hire wombe . Duptac ne solde noȝt.
 Vorþ he ladde þis woman . [þat he ha]dde dere yboȝt,
 And wedded hure as his owe wif . and volwede is þoȝt.
 So þat a quene of þe londe . gret myd childe was
 And was upe þe point to habbe child . wenne our Lovedr
 ȝef þat ca[s].

Of þe chanteor he let of este . wanne god time were
 ȝyf hit were ybore þe oþer sede . as my boc me deþ lere,
 In þe morwentyng to morwe . wanne me may þe sunne yse
 þer ne ssolde in al þe worlde . þer childer þer beo.
 þo bad þe quene vaste . þat it moste be þo ybore. 24.

SUMMARY.

The deeds comprise papers of various sorts relating to lands in the following counties. This list, which is drawn principally from the medieval deeds, is not absolutely exhaustive, and there may be in a few cases errors in the identifications of the local names, especially in the very early cases, where the counties are not specified. In some instances the county has been identified by the aid of later deeds. There is a vast number of undated deeds of the thirteenth century. Among them are many hundreds of deeds, releases, and the like relating to small parcels of land in Willoughby on the Wolds, co. Notts, which are concerned with the acquisition of that village by the Bugge-Willoughby family. A careful study of these Willoughby deeds might throw some interesting light upon the small landowners and their tenure at this period. In the following list the modern names of places are given, with the older forms when advisable in parentheses.

Deeds, &c.

Bedford : Meppershall (Maperteshale) ; Polehanger, in Meppershall ; Shefford, parish of Campton.

Buckingham : Bourton ; Little Lynford ; Newport Pagnell.

Chester : City of Chester ; "Chetilton" (Cheddleton, co. Stafford ?) ; Smallwood in Astbury.

Derby : Ashborne (Esseburn, etc.) ; Ambaston, parish of Elvaston ; Brackenfield, parish of Morton (Brakynthweyt, etc.) ; Breaston (Breydeston, etc.) ; "Breylesford," parish of North Wingfield ; Castleton ; Elvaston (Aylwaston) ; "Estcote" ; Heanor ; Ible (Ibole), parish of Wirksworth ; Ingleby, parish of Foremark (Engleby juxta Fornewerke, Ingilby, parish of Repingdon, *i.e.* Repton) ; Keddleston ; Kilbourn, [parish of Horsley] (county uncertain) ; Kirk Langley ; Langwith ; Long Eaton ; Mapperley, parish of Kirk Hallam ; Morley ; Offcote (Offedecot), parish of Ashborne ; Oakerthorpe (Ulgerthorp, etc.), parish of South Wingfield ; Osmaston (Osemundestun) ; Parwich (Peverwych) ; Risley ; Smalley ; Stainsby (Stannesby, etc.), parish of Ault Hucknall ; Stanley ; Swanwick ; Thurlstone, parish of Elvaston ; Ufton Underwood (parish of Ashborne) ; Wilsthorpe (Wivelsthorpe), parish of Sawley.

Dorset : Barnsley in Wimborne Minster ; Bere ; Blandford ; Bloxworth ; "Bradene" ; Caundle Stourton (Candel Haddon) ; Chickerell, West ; "Conyngesdich" ; Cranborne ; "Dodingbery" ; Dudsbury (Doddesbury), parish of West Parley ; Frome Billet (Frome Belet), parish of West Stafford ; Gillingham ; Harrington (Little Heryngston), parish of Charminster ; Kingston Lacy, parish of Wimborne ; Knighton, West ; Knowlton, parish of Woodlands ; Langton Herring ; Langton Wallis (Langeton Walyssh in Purbyke), parish of Langton Matravers ; Lytchett ; "Londenesham" ; Marnhull ;

Mapperton (Mappilarton); Morden, East and West; Ryme; Shaftesbury; Stafford, West; Stoke Gaylard (Stoche Coyllard); "Stoke Lee," "Stokeley"; Sturminster Marshall; Wambrook; Wareham; Wilkswood, parish of Langton Matravers; Wimborne Minster; Winterborne Herringstone (Winterburne Herring); Winterborne Muston or Turberville (Mustereston), parish of Bere Regis; Winterborne Steepleton (Winterburn Billet); Winterborne Whitechurch; "Winterburne Minster"; Winterborne Zelston or Marwood (Winterburne Malreward); Witchampton; Woodland; Woodsford (Wirdeford).

Essex: Chingford; Danbury (Daningbir'); Plumberrow (Plumbergh), parish of Hockley; Steeple.

Gloucester: Barton in Wynescombe [parish of Temple Guiting]; Boddington; Guiting; Hardwicke; Hatherop; Winchcombe (Wynescombe).

Hampshire: Colemore; Crevequer manor in Farlington; Farlington; Fordingbridge; Ellingham; "Frendestapele"; Lasham; Millbrook; Nether Burgate, parish of Fordingbridge; the New Forest; Portsea; Tadley.

Hereford: "Dokelynton"; The Vern, parish of Bodenham; Bradford (=Broadfield) in Bodenham.

Hertford: Bushey (Bysshaye, Bysshayeherttesheved); "Hunteland" manor; Puckeridge; "Rodington"; Standon.

Kent: Aylesford; Bore Place, parish of Chiddingstone; Borstall manor (parish of Rochester?); Brastead (Bracksted); Burmarsh (Burghwarmersh, etc.); Chevening; Chiddingstone; Dymchurch; Foot's Cray; Halstow; Haringe (Heringe), parish of Sellinge; Hever Brocas and Hever Cobham; Hoo All Hallows (All Saints Parish, Hundred of Hoo); Ightham; Leeds; Leigh; Lympne; Melbrook, parish of Chiddingstone; Penshurst; Romney Marsh; Sandwich; Sellinge; Sevenoaks; Shoreham; "Somerden"; Speldhurst; Sundridge (Sundresse, etc.); Woolwich.

Lancaster: Spotland, parish of Rochdale.

Leicester: Ashby-de-la-Zouch; Barkby; Bruntingthorpe; Cossington; Croxton, South; Evington; Gumley (Guthe-mundele); Hamilton, parish of Barkby; Kegworth; Leicester; Mowsley (Mousele); Oadby (Outheby); Sapcote; Segrave; Thurlaston; Worthington and Newbold; Wymeswold.

Lincoln: Barkby; Bracebridge; Dembleby; Dunsby (Dunnesby near Repinghale, *i.e.* Rippingale); Hacconby; Manby; Scopwick (Skopwyk); Swayfield; Stainton-le-Vale (Staynton near Thoresway); Swineshead; Temple Bruer; Wellingore (Wellyngovere); Wigtoft.

Middlesex: Harefield; Stepney; All Hallows, Barkingchurch; manor of Pomfret on Thames and its ferry, in the parish of Stepney.

Norfolk: Frenze; Lynn; Sheringham; Thelveton; Weasenham; Wellingham.

Northampton: Benefield; Charwelton; Floore; Purston.

Northumberland : "Horton Schirref" ; "Hereford" ; Corbrigg ; "Stikelawe."

Nottingham : Algarthorpe, parish of Basford ; Arnold ; Attenborough (Adinburc', etc.) ; Barnby-in-the-Willows (Barneby near Codyngton, i.e. Coddington) ; Barton in Fabis ; Basford ; Beeston ; Bilborough ; Bingham ; Bleasby ; Bradmore ; Bramcote ; Broughton Solney or Upper Broughton ; Broxtow, parish of Bilborough ; Calverton ; Carcolston ; Carlton near Nottingham ; Carlton-on-Trent ; Caythorpe, parish of Lowdham ; Chilwell ; Clifton, South (North ?) ; Costock (Cortlingstock) ; Cossall ; Cotgrave ; Cropwell (Crophull) Bishop ; Cropwell Butler ; Dunham ; Edwalton ; Gedling ; Gibsmere, parish of Bleasby ; Gotham ; Goverton (Gorton), parish of Bleasby ; Gringley ; Gunthorpe, parish of Lowdham ; Hickling ; Kelham ; Kingston-on-Soar (Kinston) ; Kirkby-in-Ashfield (Kyrkeby super Asshefeld) ; Kneeton (Kniveton) ; Lambley ; Leake, East (Esterleyk) ; Lenton ; Lound ; Lowdham ; Marnham, North and South ; Nottingham ; Normanton-on-Trent ; North Carlton ; Radford ; Ratcliffe-on-Trent ; Rempstone ; Ruddington ; Scrooby ; Shelford ; Skegby, parish of Marnham ; Sneinton ; Stanford-upon-Soar ; Staunton ; Sutton-cum-Lound ; Sutton-upon-Trent (Sutton near Suthemarneham) ; Sutton Passeys¹ ; Teversall ; Tollerton (Torlaton) ; Toton (Thoueton), parish of Attenborough ; Trowell ; Willoughby-on-the-Wolds ; Wiverton, parish of Tithby ; Wollaton ; Woodborough ; Worksop ; Wysall.

The deeds supply the following additions to the lists of Mayors and bailiffs of Nottingham given in the *Records of the Borough of Nottingham*, vols. i. and ii. The years of office (from Michaelmas to Michaelmas) are added in brackets and the date of the deed from which the information is derived is given after the names.

[1290-1291].—Roger de Crophull, mayor ; Adam le Flemeng and William de Normanton, bailiffs, Wednesday after St. Botolf, 19 Edward I, 1291.

[Circ. 1300].—Adam le Palmer, mayor ; William son of Roger de Crophull, and Adam le Flemeng, bailiffs (*undated*).

[1302-1303].—John le Paumer, junior, mayor ; Adam le Flemming and John le Bere, bailiffs, Sunday after St. Mark, 31 Edward I.

[1335-6].—John de Tumbly, mayor ; Stephen Taverner and Ralph Colier, bailiffs, Monday before St. Gregory, 10 Edward III. (an error for 19, *decimo [nono]*).

[1342-1343].—Roger de Botehale, mayor ; John Larcher and William de Wodeburgh, bailiffs, Wednesday before St. Ambrose, 16 Edward III.

[1367-1368].—Richard Hanneson, mayor ; Peter le Mason and Roger de Sutton, bailiffs, Wednesday before St. John ante Portam Latinam, 42 Edward III.

¹ See pages 96, 621, above.

[1391–1392].—John de Plumptre, mayor; Nicholas de Wyndesore and Robert de Hathern, bailiffs, 15 Richard II.

Peter, prior of Lenton, is mentioned in a deed dated on Friday after the feast of St. Peter ad Vincula, 40 Edward III. (1366). This is not in harmony with the list of priors given by J. T. Godfrey, *History of the Parish and Priory of Lenton*, 1884, p. 182.

Oxford: Steeple Aston.

Rutland: Martinsthorpe.

Salop: Callaughton (Kaluweton), parish of Much Wenlock; Longdon; Much Wenlock; Shrewsbury.

Somerset: Curry, North.

Stafford: Bromley (Abbot's?); Cheadle; Coton (parish of Hanbury?); Fauld, parish of Hanbury; Levedale, parish of Penkridge; Newland in Rushall; Rushall (Russale); Walsall; Wiggington, parish of Tamworth; Woollaston (Ullaston), parish of Bradley.

Suffolk: Mildenhall.

Surrey: Ashted; Beddington; Carshalton; Horne; Mortlake; Nobryghtz manor in Walkingstead and Horne; Sheen, East, parish of Mortlake; Walkingstead (Wolkenested), parish of Godstone; Wimbledon.

Warwick: Alspath (old name of Meriden); Ashow; Atherstone-on-Stour (Edrichestone); Bedworth; Bentley; Blackgreave, parish of Lea Marston; Brandon, parish of Wolston; Bretford, parish of Wolston; Calcutt, parish of Grandborough; Cliff (Clive), parish of Kingsbury; Coleshill; Coventry; Curdworth; Foleshill (Folkeshull); Grendon; Hurley, parish of Kingsbury; Itchington, Long; Kingsbury; Lea Marston? (Le Lee); Marston; Maxtoke; Meriden (Muridene); Middleton; Pathlow, parish of Aston Cantelow; Pinley; "Rynggesthorp"; Slately (Slaughteley), parish of Kingsbury; Stoke; Stratford Lee; "Stubton"; Sutton Coldfield; Tamworth; Thurlaston, parish of Dunchurch; Warwick; Whateley, parish of Kingsbury; Whitacre; Wilncote (Wylmyndecote); Wishaw; Wyken.

Wilts: Devizes; Ogbury (Okebury), parish of Durnford.

Worcester: "Beckenovere," "Beckenore" manor, parish of Hanbury near Droitwich ("in parochia de Hanbur' iuxta Wyche"); Bedwardine (Bedeworthin); "Clopton" (near Crowneast?); Crowneast (Crownest), parish of St. John in Bedwardine County, Worcester; "Dokelynton"; Habberley, parish of Kidderminster; "Lawerna" (on the Laughern Brook, near Worcester); "Riggehall"; Spetchley (Spechesleg); Tenbury (Temedebury); Wick; Worcester.

York: Birdsall; Caldwell, parish of Stanwick; Cotherstone, parish of Romald Kirk; Cleasby; Danby; Halnaby (Halnathby), parish of Croft; Helperthorpe; Kirby Wiske; Lutton, East; Skelton; Swaythorpe (Swathorp, Swave-thorp), parish of Kilham.

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